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PSS withdrawals process starts

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REPORTER

The CNMI Public School System announced yesterday that it will start processing today students whose parents wish to withdraw them from some schools, while noting that some schools may have to be relocated.

» PSS notes possible relocation of some schools

In a statement disseminated yesterday, the CNMI state education agency said it would be processing withdrawals from PSS schools beginning today, at its offices on Capital Hill at

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CEC amends voting sites

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The Commonwealth Election Commission amended the early voting schedule and the designated polling places for this month's general elections during an emergency meeting yesterday.

The CEC board already adopted the designated polling places in a meeting last Oct. 18, but was forced to amend this because of Super Typhoon Yutu, which devastated many schools.

The general election was earlier set on Nov. 6; it has been moved to Nov. 13.

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Typhon debris cleanup goes to villages

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Government personnel—both local and federal—are set to start clearing villages of typhoon debris and assist in the needs of people whose homes were damaged by Super Typhoon Yutu.

In a news briefing yesterday at the San Antonio Clinic, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said that more than 3,000 houses were destroyed when

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, seated center, and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Esther L. Muña, seated right, discuss an issue at the end of yesterday's press conference at the San Antonio Clinic. JON PEREZ

YUTU UPDATES

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Water service

- Puerto Rico and Northern Garapan – 24 hours
- Central Garapan – 24 hours
- Southern Garapan – 2pm to 4pm
- Upper Navy Hill – 24 hours
- China Town – 1pm to 5pm
- Isla Drive – 24 hours
- Chalan Galaide – 1:30pm to 3:30pm
- Koblerville, Agingan, Afetna, part of San Antonio – 1pm to 5pm
- Part of San Antonio to Chalan Piao – No service due to tank levels
- Chalan Kanoa - No service due to tank levels
- Susupe and San Jose - No service due to tank levels
- San Vicente – 9am to 11am

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Local

FEMA registration today at Saipan Mayor's Office

For only two days—yesterday and today—the Saipan Mayor's Office would be accepting Federal Emergency Management Agency registration for disaster assistance.

Joann Aquino, the Saipan Mayor's Office director of field operations, told *Saipan Tribune* that the office would be receiving FEMA registrations only up until today, Nov. 6, for those who are unable to go to designated FEMA registration sites.

Some members of the public may not have access to the internet, the phone, or transportation to get to the designated FEMA registration sites, "so we've opened up our doors for FEMA to utilize our offices to assist the public in registering for their individual assistance," said Aquino.

The registration period at the Saipan Mayor's Office was only available yesterday, Monday, and Tuesday, today.

Extending the registration period at the Saipan Mayor's Office is possible, but that would require time and a future announcement would be made once a decision is made, she said.

According to the Saipan Mayor's Office, FEMA relief registration is from 9am to 5:30pm. Regular requirements for disaster assistance includes one social security number per household; lot number, street name, village, and description of the house; description of the damage; information about insurance coverage; a telephone number; mailing address; and bank account and routing number for direct deposit of funds for those eligible.

In related news, multiple members of both federal and local government are continuing to collaborate to clean up typhoon debris.

Aquino noted that all 68 members of the Saipan Mayor's Office staff, along with 27 contracted heavy equipment handlers, are working with about 122 of Guam's National Guard members, about 50 U.S. military reservists, about 60 from the Department of Lands and Natural Resources and other umbrella agencies, eight from the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, and four staff of the NMI Museum on debris removal. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

'Businesses must issue receipt for every transaction'—DOF

The Department of Finance and the Division of Revenue and Taxation advise all businesses to ensure an accurate record of sales through the issuance of receipts or proof of purchases that include, but are not limited to, electronic or manual receipts.

Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson stated that, while commercial sales continue throughout the Commonwealth and utilities are restored over time, affected business are still required to issue manual sales receipts for all business transactions.

Since the establishment of Public Law 18-35, which provided revisions to the Sales Receipt Act, purposely failing to produce business record of transactions and failure to comply is punishable by fines ranging from $350 to $1,500, depending on subsequent offenses.

Dishonest business operators cause a significant loss of revenue to the CNMI and more than three violations will trigger an automatic revocation of business licenses.

For more information, log on to www.cnmidof.net or call 664-1100. ***(PR)***

NC group airlifts Yutu aid for Saipan, Tinian

A North Carolina group is airlifting aid to Saipan and Tinian and the packets are expected to arrive at noon today.

The international Christian relief organization Samaritan's Purse would be deploying relief assistance and disaster response specialists to Saipan and then Tinian. The two islands were ravaged by Super Typhoon Yutu.

They are bringing with them 30 tons of emergency shelter materials, household water filtration units, solar lights, and medical supplies.

A portion of the relief items would be brought to Tinian through their DC-9 cargo aircraft, along with a mobile medical team to provide patient care and treatment

"Typhoon Yutu caused massive devastation on the islands of Saipan and Tinian. Hundreds of families are hurting—many of whom are now homeless and lack access to basic necessities like shelter and clean water," said William "Franklin" Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "We are coming alongside them to meet their immediate physical needs..."

A representative of Samaritan's Purse told *Saipan Tribune* in an email yesterday that the organization do not usually rely on volunteers in response to disasters abroad. The disaster response specialists and medical personnel that will be deployed on Saipan and Tinian are all staff of the organization.

Graham, who is son of the late prominent evangelical Christian figure Billy Graham, heads Samaritan's Purse as president. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

CUC's water tank areas still limited

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. said yesterday that its water tank service areas are still operating in a limited capacity, based on tank levels and damaged tank level gauges and while pipe damage are being assessed.

CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho said they energized the water distribution system at some Saipan water tank service areas at 11:30pm yesterday.

The Puerto Rico village, northern Garapan village, and central Garapan village were expected to have 24-hour water supply yesterday.

Southern Garapan and Gualo Rai Road were expected to have CUC water from 2pm to 4pm.

Other areas that are expected to have 24-hour water supply were Upper Navy Hill, Maturana Village, Susupe Drive, Doboto Lane, Gloria Drive, Navy Hill Road, Isla Drive, and Puerto Rico Drive.

There was no water service yesterday to parts of San Antonio, Chalan Kanoa, Susupe, San Jose, Chalan Piao village, but water may be released again today, Tuesday, depending on tank levels.

Water wells were offline at portions of Kagman 3 village and Laolao Bay due to a transmission water mainline break.

While emergency generators are hooked up and power is restored in water wells and crews perform repairs, only three out of six water filling stations are available to the public until further notice, Camacho said

The remaining three water filling stations will increase the amount of water being given to the public to 100 gallons each. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Kilili to Torres: Let's both ask for typhoon relief

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) has reached out to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres for them to jointly ask the U.S. Congress for special disaster assistance.

Sablan

"The Appropriations Committee is most responsive when requests for assistance are the product of cooperation and agreement between the Office of the Governor and the congressional delegation," Sablan told Torres Sunday. "Because Congress will immediately reconvene next week, I will be returning then to make sure the Marianas obtains the funding assistance we need for our recovery. Being able to say that I speak in agreement with the governor will make that effort much more likely to succeed."

Sablan said that congressional appropriators are already working on funding for disaster relief in the wake of hurricanes Florence and Michael, which struck the eastern U.S. a few weeks ago, and Super Typhoon Yutu.

"I have already spoken to appropriators about the possible need to provide supplemental Medicaid funding to the Marianas under terms similar to those that were extended to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands during their recovery from hurricanes last year.

"I have also communicated to the committees responsible for food assistance," Sablan told Torres. "The Commonwealth has not yet announced that disaster food assistance will be available for Tinian and Saipan, as it was after Typhoon Soudelor and as it is now for Rota after Typhoon Mangkhut. I understand, however, that you are in the process of preparing to provide such aid to the families ordinarily eligible, as well as to those whose incomes have been temporarily interrupted and whose household food supplies were lost in Yutu."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has authority to provide help to individuals and households after a natural disaster. The agency also assists state and territorial governments rebuild water and power systems and other public infrastructure. After Typhoon Soudelor FEMA gave out $37 million for individual assistance and $39 million for infrastructure. Another $10 million has gone for hazard mitigation grants to harden the Commonwealth's water and power systems to withstand typhoons.

"The Commonwealth was already facing the end of the Medicaid funding I got for us in the Affordable Care Act," said Sablan, "and the extra food stamp money I put into the Agricultural Act of 2014 was supposed to be dedicated to making more families eligible.

"Yutu recovery will drain those available funds and we need to replace the money. FEMA's Disaster Recovery Fund cannot do that."

Sablan asked the governor to work with him "to assess what assistance is needed for the Marianas, above and beyond what can be provided through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Disaster Relief Fund, and to estimate what the costs of such additional assistance may be."

Among the programs that may need special Yutu-related funds are Project SERV grants. The School Emergency Response to Violence program was recommended to Sablan by U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos in their phone call last Wednesday. The Education Department administers Project SERV grants. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

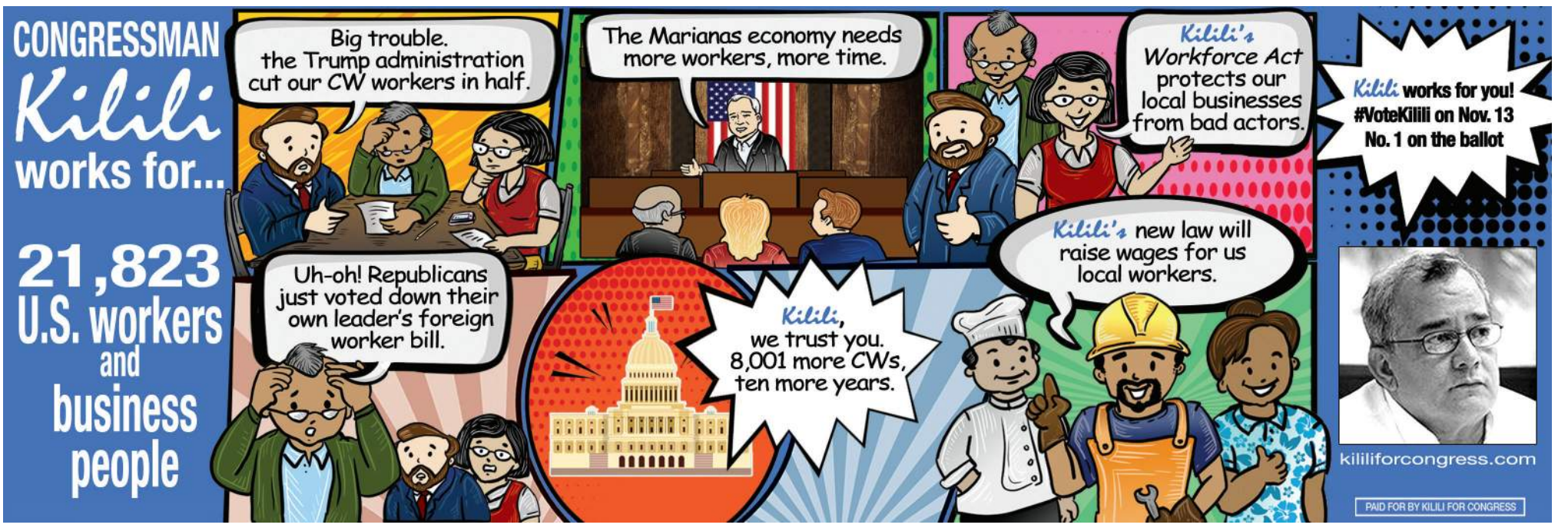
MEDICAL OUTREACH
A boy gets his blood pressure checked during one of several ongoing Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s medical outreaches in public shelters. The medical outreach allowed CHCC to see at least 458 persons.
ERWIN ENCINARES

PH passport pickup at Finasisu

The Philippines Consulate General in Guam, in coordination with the Office of Honorary Consul Eli Arago, is now releasing passports of individuals who had their biometrics and renewals on Aug. 21-23 and Sept. 25-27, 2018.

Passports can be picked up at the second floor, Bldg. D, of Finasisu Terraces Apartment (top of the Mini Mart Store), Monday through Friday, from 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 5pm.

Bring your old passport and receipt of renewal. For more inquiries, contact Mel Santos at 233-6293. ***(PR)***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DPS seeks help in solving burglary and theft incident

The Department of Public Safety is seeking the community's assistance in solving a burglary and theft incident that took place on Rota over the weekend.

According to a Department of Public Safety statement, the burglary was reported last Friday on Rota and no leads have been found since.

The Department of Public Safety, along with Crime Stoppers, is now asking the CNMI community to report any leads that could possibly solve the case to the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272.

In the department's press release, Rota police responded to a theft complaint at a farm in Pali'i on Rota.

According to the elderly homeowners, they left Rota on Oct. 17 and returned to find that their home had been broken into.

The couple reported that $15,000 worth of items including jewelry, personal items, and a firearm, was taken from their home. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

PSS

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Building Number 1211, from 9am through 3pm.

PSS said it would not be entertaining transfer requests or permitting new enrollments until all schools within the district have resumed classes.

In a separate statement last week, PSS expects classes to resume in about two to eight weeks, depending on the damage a school sustained from Super Typhoon Yutu.

PSS, working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Governor's Office, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the American Red Cross, has shifted its efforts towards restoring power and water to schools, cleaning campuses, fixing repairable classrooms, and identifying temporary facilities to ensure that all schools are operational as soon as possible, with damage assessments completed.

"PSS maintains a conditional opening target for all Saipan and Tinian schools within seven weeks.

"As soon as a school is deemed safe and operational, classes will resume," PSS noted, adding that school year 2019-2019 would be adjusted accordingly for each school, based on the school resumption date.

"Some schools will implement a double session schedule with four hours of instructional time allotted for each morning and afternoon session.

"While the recovery efforts continue, PSS warns that some schools may need to be relocated, or to at least share some campuses with other schools.

"Temporary structures will be added to some school sites to accommodate the student population.

"Sufficient transportation resources are readily available to support these conditions," the statement noted.

In the meantime, all branches of distance education are temporarily suspended, PSS said.

The agency noted that information regarding the resumption of online coursework for students and personnel will be announced once plans are finalized.

PSS shelters continue

Several PSS campus cafeterias continue to provide shelter to those in need, even a week after the typhoon.

These evacuees, according to PSS, continue to receive non-potable water delivered regularly through the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

"Shelter residents are provided with meals three times daily by the America Red Cross," PSS noted in its statement, adding that drinking water is also provided daily.

Of the activated PSS shelters, three have been identified as long-term shelters: Kagman Elementary School, Tanapag Middle School, and the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School.

For those in need of additional information, you may visit the PSS Commissioner's office on Capital Hill, Building 1211, contact them through phone at 664-3845, or email them at info@cnmipss.org.

DEBRIS

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Yutu pummeled the island last month, based on the assessment they did with their federal partners.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, through Region IX deputy regional administrator Bill Roche, and the Department of Defense have been helping the CNMI government in its assessment work.

Torres said both federal and local government personnel are done with clearing major roads of typhoon debris like tin roofs, tree branches and leaves, and broken power poles and lines.

"We're going to the second stage, where we will be going around the villages…to clean up," he said.

Torres assured that government representatives also regularly visit homes and the shelters to assess the situation and the progress of the recovery efforts.

He added that waivers will be distributed to homeowners to allow government personnel to help clear their areas of debris and other materials.

"Our personnel will be walking around and have these waivers. The waivers would allow personnel from the [Saipan] Mayor's Office and the military to enter their premises. They need to fill out those forms in order for them to receive assistance. At the same time, we will give tents to help the people who are displaced."

Roche said it is too early to determine who needs housing installation assistance. "Right now, we're focused on interim housing solutions. …We are looking at temporary arrangements like tent structures."

He added that they are also discussing assistance to homeowners whose houses were totally destroyed by Yutu. "We're also looking for long-term housing solutions. … There's an array of avenues that we could take. It is premature for me to talk of this right now. But we're going to work with the governor to determine what [assistance we can offer] to the community in getting things back."

Utilities restoration

Power and water distribution are also slowly being restored throughout the island. Torres said that things are a lot faster compared to when Typhoon Soudelor ravaged the island more than three years ago.

"One thing that we're fortunate is that the north side is not as damaged as the south side. On the second day, we had the hospital up and running. Lower Navy Hill, Gualo Rai, and Puerto Rico also had power up quickly," said Torres.

"Now we have all the way up to Capit[a]l Hill and some of the residents have power and water there. From the power plant to up north—that is already energized. Of course, some of the homes that were damaged still need to get connected."

He added that water has also started to flow across the island. "It is not yet 24 hours but they will be staggering [distribution] throughout the day to different villages. Again, we're filling all of our wells and making sure the pipes are not broken or damaged."

Torres said making sure all the pipes are in good condition is a critical part in water distribution. "Even if we put water into the villages, if we have massive destruction of pipes, we're losing the water that needs to be distributed. And we should not allow this to happen."

YUTU

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- Dan Dan Road – 1pm to 3pm
- Dan Dan Homestead – 3pm to 6pm
- As Matuis Homestead – 24 Hours
- As Matuis village and San Roque – 6am to 10am
- Chalan Kiya and Upper Kannat Tabla – depending on tank levels
- Lower Kannat Tabla – 2pm to 5pm
- Finasisu and Monsignor Road to Tottotville – 2pm to 5pm
- Kagman 3 and Lao Lao Bay – 2pm to 5pm
- Kagman 1, Kagman 2, and Kagman 4 – 11am to 2pm
- Upper San Vicente - No service due to tank levels
- Upper Gualo Rai – No service
- Lower Gualo Rai – 11am to 3pm
- Airport Road – 2pm to 5pm
- As Teo village /Santa Lourdes – 24 hours
- Papago – 24 hours
- Capitol Hill – No service due to tank levels
- As Terlaje village and parts of Chalan Laulau – 2pm to 6pm
- Parts of Chalan Laulau – 3pm to 6pm
- As Rabagau village and Sadog Tasi – 24 hours

Shelters

As of 1pm yesterday, the following shelters are open and accepting displaced individuals:

- Kagman community center
- Tanapag Middle School
- Saipan Southern High School
- Kagman Elementary School

Volunteers

The American Red Cross NMI Chapter is recruiting volunteers on Saipan and Tinian.

Interested individuals must submit an online application at www.redcross.org, complete an online orientation, update their profile, read and agree to Red Cross policies, and undergo a background check.

Volunteer applicants are encouraged to attend a one-day training at the Aqua Resort Club from 9am to 5pm on either Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.

Clinics

As of yesterday, various medical centers have updated their operation hours.

- Pacific Medical Center – open Monday through Friday (8am to 3pm) 233-1631
- Marianas Medical Center – Monday through Friday (8am to 5pm) Saturday (8am to 3pm)
- Saipan Health Clinic – Monday through Friday (8am to 5pm)
- Kagman Community Health Center – Monday through Sunday (8am to 4pm)

Mass care

All relief distribution sites are suspended to make the transition to mobile distribution.

Judiciary

Effective today, the Judiciary's business hours resume on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

The Guma Hustisia will resume regular operation hours and will re-open its transaction windows in the front exterior of the building. Windows will be open from 9am to 3pm.

The Kotten Tinian will also be open from 9am to 3pm.

The Rota Centron Hustisia will operate from 7:30am to 4:30pm.

CEC

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CEC board chair pro tem Jesus I. Sablan and six other commissioners unanimously adopted yesterday the amended designated polling sites.

Based on the changes, early voting for Saipan and Northern Islands, Tinian and Aguiguan, and Rota will now start today, Tuesday, and end on Nov. 12.

The polling places for all senatorial districts will open at 8:30am and close at 4pm each day, inclusive of weekends and holidays.

Early voting for the Northern Islands only, which started last Sept. 28 and will end on Nov. 12, is at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Early voting for Rota will be at the Rota-Northern Marianas College Room A-1, while the one on Tinian will be at the Tinian-Department of Public Safety/Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

Early voting on Saipan will be at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

CEC executive director Julita A. Villagomez said that voters must bring with them an identification card with picture, which they must present in order to be issued a ballot at the polls.

CEC administrative officer Kayla Igitol said the Nov. 13 general election will start at 7am and end at 7pm on the same day.

Igitol said there are seven changes because either the designated polling place—usually a school—was severely damaged by Yutu or the cafeteria is being used as a shelter.

The designated polling site for Precinct 1A or San Antonio area and Precinct 1C or Koblerville area are now both at the Koblerville Youth Center.

Hopwood Junior High School in Chalan Piao used to be the polling place for San Antonio voters, but the school had extensive damage.

She said Koblerville voters previously voted at Koblerville Elementary School, but the school is being used a shelter.

Igitol said Precinct 3A or the Oleai/San Jose voters used to vote at Oleai Elementary School, but due to the damage to the school, the Marianas Visitors Authority is now the designated polling place.

Igitol said for Precinct 4A or the Tanapag area voters, the previous designated place was the Tanapag Middle School, but since the school is now being used as a shelter, the new polling site is the Tanapag Youth Center.

For Precinct 5-1 and 5-2 or Kagman area voters, the Kagman Elementary School is currently a shelter and the new polling site is the Cha Cha Middle School cafeteria.

On Rota, the new polling place is Rota-NMC room A-1 instead of room B-1. On Tinian, the new polling site is DPS/DFEMS instead of the previous site, the Tinian Elementary School.

The polling places for the Nov. 13 general election are as follows:

- Precinct 1A (San Antonio area)—Koblerville Youth Center
- Precinct 1B-1 and IB-2 (San Vicente/Dandan areas)—Dandan Middle School cafeteria
- Precinct 1C (Koberville area)—Koblerville Youth Center
- Precinct 2 (Chalan Kanoa/Susupe areas—Joeten Kiyu Public Library
- Precinct 3A (San Jose/Oleai area)—MVA facility
- Precinct 3B-1 and 3B-2 (Garapan area)—Garapan Central Park
- Precinct 4A (Tanapag area)—Tanapag Youth Center
- Precinct 4B (San Roque/As Matuis areas)—Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School cafeteria
- Precinct 4C (Capital Hill area)—Jesus P. Mafnas Legislative Building
- Precinct 4D (Northern Islands)—Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrigan
- Precinct 5-1 and 5-2 (Kagman area)— Cha Cha Middle School cafeteria
- Precinct 6 (Tinian and Aguiguan)—Tinian DPS/DFEMS
- Precinct 7 (Rota)—Rota-NMC room A-1

Voters in Pacific territory choose to keep ties with France

AP

A man, right, drapes the flag of New Caledonia on his shoulders as the French flag flies in the background as he and a woman line up to cast their votes at a polling station in Noumea, New Caledonia, as part of an independence referendum, Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018.

NOUMEA, New Caledonia (AP)—A majority of voters in the South Pacific territory of New Caledonia chose to remain part of France instead of backing independence Sunday, a watershed moment that led French President Emmanuel Macron to promise a full dialogue on the archipelago's future.

Final results had 56.4 percent of the voters who participated in the referendum deciding to maintain ties with the country that has ruled New Caledonia since the mid-19th century and 43.6 percent supporting independence, the high commissioner's office said.

"I'm asking everyone to turn toward the future to build tomorrow's New Caledonia," Macron said, speaking from the presidential Elysee Palace in Paris. "The spirit of dialogue is the sole winner."

More than 174,000 registered voters were invited to answer the question: "Do you want New Caledonia to gain full sovereignty and become independent?"

The referendum attracted record-high turnout of 80.6 percent — so many voters that some polling stations in the capital, Noumea, had to stay open about an hour longer than planned to handle the crush.

The vote itself was a milestone in New Caledonia's three decades of decolonization, a process prompted by the ill treatment Europeans inflicted on the region's indigenous Kanak people. New Caledonia, an archipelago east of Australia, has a nickel mining industry as well as sun-kissed lagoons.

The high commissioner's office reported limited outbreaks of unrest in Noumea as votes were counted, with seven cars set ablaze, some roads closed and two instances of stone-throwing. But otherwise the vote was overwhelmingly peaceful.

Praising both sides for their "responsible" campaigns, Macron said "contempt and violence" were the only losers in the historic poll.

French Prime Minister Edouard Philippe is set to meet with New Caledonian officials Monday to discuss the political future of the territory of 270,000 people.

New Caledonia receives about 1.3 billion euros ($1.5 billion) in French state subsidies every year, and many had feared the economy would suffer if ties were severed.

Residents of the region include the native Kanaks, who represent about 40 percent of the population, people of European descent, which make up about 27 percent and others from Asian countries and Pacific islands.

Voter Monette Saihulinwa said she opposed independence.

"I don't necessarily want our lives to change," the 50-year-old said.

Others hailed the ballot as historic.

"We've been waiting for 30 years for this vote," said Mariola Bouyer, 34. "This vote must demonstrate that we want to live in peace, no matter our race, our roots. It's building a country together."

The referendum was the result of a process that started 30 years ago to end years of violence between independence supporters and opponents that had overall claimed more than 70 lives. The two sides agreed upon a 1988 deal and another agreement a decade later included plans for an independence referendum.

The New Caledonia archipelago became French in 1853 under Emperor Napoleon III — Napoleon's nephew and heir — and was used for decades as a prison colony.

It became an overseas territory after World War II, with French citizenship granted to all Kanaks in 1957. Under French colonial rule, the Kanaks faced strict segregation policies and suffered discrimination.

CHCC: Over 450 seen in shelter visits

Medical teams from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. that visited typhoon shelters on Saipan saw over 450 individuals in the first week following Super Typhoon Yutu.

In a statement, CHCC said its medical teams treated a total of 458 persons.

CHCC information officer Samantha Birmingham-Babauta said the teams were divided into groups assigned to several shelters after coordinating with the Public School System and other agencies offering shelters.

The shelters visited were the Marianas High School, Koblerville Elementary School, Saipan Southern High School, Dandan Head Start center, Saipan Aging Office, San Vicente Elementary School, Kagman Elementary School, Oleai Head Start, Tanapag Middle School, and the Kagman Community Center.

CHCC was able to do second-round visits to MHS, SSHS, and the Aging Office over the four days.

Services provided at the shelters included select vaccinations; triage services, first aid; limited pharmacy; urgent care; and limited public health services such as family planning services.

Last Nov. 2, CHCC did a village outreach at the Dandan Middle School and the Chalan Kanoa Youth Center. *Saipan Tribune* has yet to obtain the number of persons treated there. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

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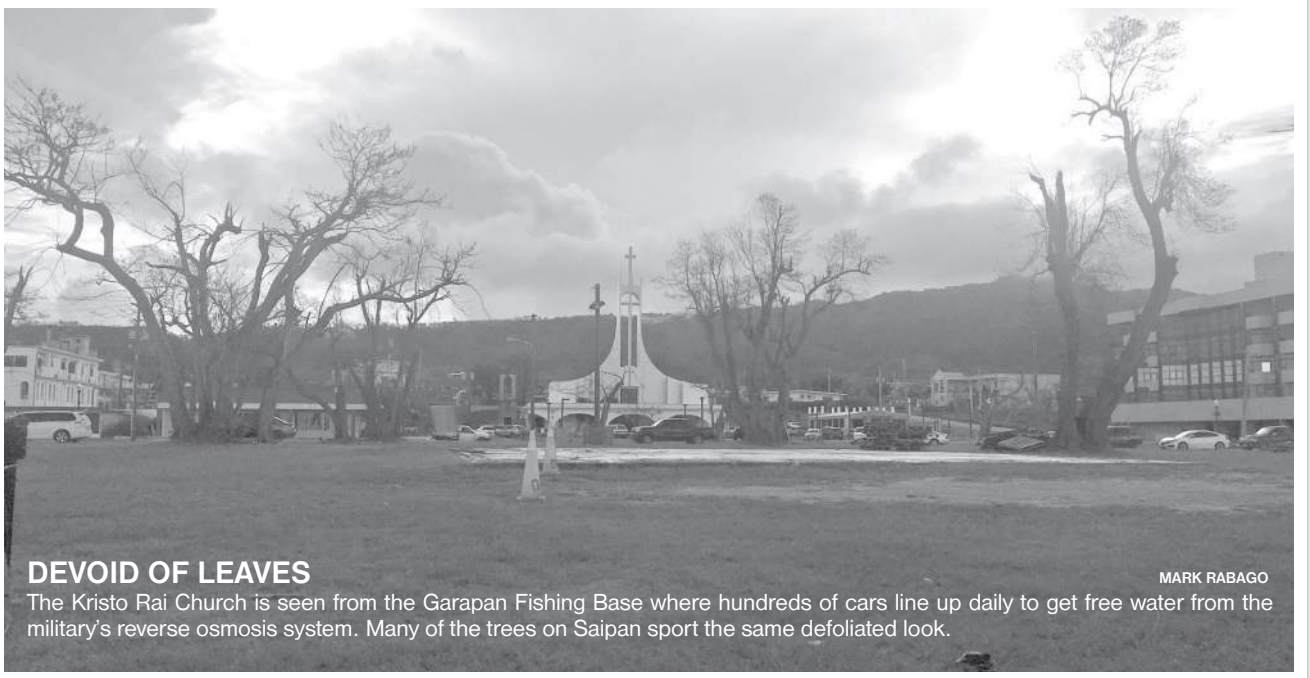
Post-Yutu Scenes

JON PEREZ

Guam Power Authority and Commonwealth Utilities Corp. personnel team up to repair the power lines near the Kiya Station along Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Road that were downed by Super Typhoon Yutu last month.



DEVOID OF LEAVES MARK RABAGO

The Kristo Rai Church is seen from the Garapan Fishing Base where hundreds of cars line up daily to get free water from the military's reverse osmosis system. Many of the trees on Saipan sport the same defoliated look.

STARTING 'EM YOUNG CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Haven Taylor Tenorio Magatas, who is just 10 years old and is from the U.S. military base in Okinawa, Japan, managed to raise $170 during a fundraising she did for children at evacuation shelters in the CNMI who were affected by Super Typhoon Yutu. She bought hygiene supplies for the children at CNMI shelter. She is the daughter of Dirk and Monique Tenorio Magatas.

MOUNT CARMEL CLEANUP CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Mount Carmel School leaders show up in force for a recent school cleanup. From left are AlumKnight Association president Charles Cepeda, school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, school board chair Vicente "Ben" Babauta, school board secretary Joe Pangelinan, and school board treasurer Will Hunter. They gathered in front of the iconic grotto for Mother Mary, which was built 50 years ago by members of the AlumKnight Class of 1968 in the aftermath of Typhoon Jean.

WATER WHEEL NO MORE MARK RABAGO

The water wheel at the back of the flag memorial in San Jose is completely destroyed by Super Typhoon Yutu.

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Docomo offers free services, relief efforts

As the islands of Saipan and Tinian work steadily toward recovery, Docomo Pacific remains committed to helping rebuild lives affected by Super Typhoon Yutu.

In the aftermath of the storm, Docomo Pacific wants its CNMI customers to focus on other things and not worry about their bill. Starting Oct. 29 through Dec. 31, 2018, Docomo Pacific is offering free mobile, internet, TV and home phone services to new and existing customers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

"First, our heartfelt prayers go out to the communities affected by Super Typhoon Yutu. At a time when so many are hurting, we stand with the CNMI and pledge our full support in helping to rebuild the community. We began deploying crews and equipment to the CNMI immediately after the storm. But more than rebuilding infrastructure and restoring services, we realize the human consequences of Super Typhoon Yutu. We want the people of the CNMI to focus on their families, and not worry about their bill. From Oct. 29 to Dec. 31, 2018, Docomo Pacific residential subscribers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota will receive their services for free," said Docomo Pacific president and CEO Roderick Boss.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Docomo Pacific president and CEO Roderick Boss joins Docomo Pacific management in making an assessment of damaged areas in Saipan impacted by Super Typhoon Yutu.

During this period, no CNMI subscribers will be disconnected for non-payment.

For existing customers, an automatic monthly credit will apply to their November and December invoices. Docomo Pacific's stores in Gualo Rai, Saipan and Songsong, Rota to get a new SIM for $9.95 and receive the free services.

Customers on Tinian can call 488-CARE to avail of the free services as well.

Customers simply have to pick up a plan, and all security deposits and activation fees will be waived. The offer does not include a mobile handset, calls or texts outside the Marianas, or combined with other promotional offers.

In the meantime, Docomo Pacific teams in Guam and the CNMI continue to make progress to rebuild and get customers back online. Portable cells have been deployed to support first responders and other mission critical organizations.

Partners in recovery

Docomo Pacific would like to extend its appreciation to GTA for working collaboratively toward helping our families on Saipan rebuild and recover.

GTA has offered its Cell On Wheels, or COW, for Docomo Pacific to use on Saipan to help with coverage while recovery efforts continue. The COW is a mobile tower trailer that can be easily transported and rapidly deployed for a short term to temporarily increase or replace capacity.

Furthermore, Docomo Pacific is offering GTA subscribers the opportunity to roam for free on Saipan, including those who are helping with recovery efforts.

"As corporate citizens, we are doing what we can to assist our neighboring islands. Communication services are vital in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Yutu. By cooperating with Docomo Pacific, our goal is to help get vital services up for the people in the CNMI and those recovery responders assisting in the efforts," said GTA chief operating officer Andrew Gayle.

In the past, Docomo Pacific has worked with other telecom providers with assisting in service issues caused by other major natural disasters.

Supply donation drive

Between Oct. 30 and Nov. 17, Docomo Pacific will be accepting donations at its retail stores to help families affected by Super Typhoon Yutu. Essential items needed include cases of water, canned goods, batteries, flashlights, lanterns, tarps/canopy, cots, coolers, mosquito coil/repellent and jar candles.

Text to donate campaign

Docomo Pacific launched a fundraising initiative to help rebuild lives affected by Super Typhoon Yutu. Until Nov. 17, Docomo Pacific postpaid mobile customers can donate money by texting 5 to "HELP (4357)". Each message will donate $5 to the American Red Cross relief efforts on Saipan and Tinian.

Over the years, Docomo Pacific has led fundraising initiatives for families affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas, Typhoon Soudelor in the CNMI, Typhoon Maysak in Chuuk and Yap, Super Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, and the 2011 tsunami in Japan. ***(Docomo Pacific)***

With many volunteer-led cleanups, MCS ready to reopen

In 1968, Typhoon Jean struck Mount Carmel School, destroying buildings and classrooms. Fifty years later, the school is hit yet again—this time by the catastrophic Super Typhoon Yutu.

On Oct. 29, students, school alumni, parents, and friends of the school gathered together to clean up up the school, get rid of typhoon debris, and get Mount Carmel School ready to resume classes.

The cleanup began at 8am. With the many volunteers who helped out, the cleanup accomplished many tasks, including de-flooding classrooms and removing debris.

School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero assigned roles to manage the workflow throughout the campus. This method allowed the school's cleanup to run smoothly, quickly, and efficiently.

School principal Frances Taimanao said, "A lot of our parents and students lost their homes, but they're still here helping. That just tells me that there is hope we will rise and rebuild."

When asked about how long it would take to rebuild the school, she said, "If we follow the plans, we could rebuild within a few weeks, especially with everyone coming out to volunteer. When I was looking around, I started planning on what needs to be done in terms of the safety of our students and restoring the school."

Students also felt devastated as they entered the school grounds. Student Council moderator Quincy Chinen was heartbroken as she cleaned up the debris from the symbolic tree that has stood strong inside the campus since 1977. "I was in disbelief and shock that a typhoon could cause so much destruction to my campus. Coming to school, and seeing everyone taking their time off to help clean the school only motivated me to work harder to restore the school."

Senior Rosalia Pangelinan felt the same way. "It broke my heart to see my second home torn apart. I actually did cry, but I know that we will rise from all of this."

Everyone looks forward to the recovery of Mount Carmel School.

Mount Carmel School plans to do more volunteer cleanups in the future. The next cleanup was last Nov. 3, Saturday.

A separate statement said that Mount Carmel School intends to resume classes on Tuesday, Nov. 13. The school noted that it will reopen with running water from water tanks that will be kept supplied, and air-conditioning, digital technology, and internet access powered by generators. ***(PR)***

Faculty, parents, volunteers, and students work to clear debris from the iconic tree that stood on Mount Carmel School grounds since 1977.
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Japanese consul seeks smoother flow of information

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REPORTER

The Japanese consul to the CNMI found it "strange" that the Commonwealth Ports Authority only worked with Korean tourists stranded on Saipan and never got around to reaching out to the Japanese consulate on Saipan about its stranded nationals

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune* Wednesday last week, Japanese Consul to the CNMI Kinji Shinoda pointed out that CPA was able to coordinate with the Korean Consulate General in Guam about Korean tourists stranded in the CNMI, while his efforts to contact CPA executive director Chris Tenorio and CPA deputy director Edward Mendiola for information went unanswered. He said he tried calling through the CPA office and was promised that Tenorio would call him back, but that did not happen.

In a phone call with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, Tenorio noted that he received no such call but noted that it was probably due to a telecommunications issue that continues to persist up to today as a result of Yutu. As for the consul's request for a return call, Tenorio said he "never got the message."

» About 50 Japanese tourists forced to stay

Saipan Tribune reported Tuesday last week that Korean Consul General Lim Hee Soon, in coordination with CPA, was able to pick up stranded passengers on several C-130 South Korean military aircraft.

"I have no intention to criticize [the CNMI government]," Shinoda said but he pointed out that his duty to Japanese citizens in the CNMI includes obtaining and relaying critical information in cases of calamities.

"This is a critical matter for tourists who stay here. We should provide [this information] to Japanese tourists in this critical situation," he added.

According to Shinoda, he has been relying on the Emergency Operations Center email updates, but those do not include specific answers on when outbound flights would resume.

Tenorio said that inbound commercial flights would resume on Nov. 15, 2018, and that the airport terminal was shut down the day after Yutu hit Saipan.

According to Shinoda, about 50 Japanese tourists were forced to extend their stay in the CNMI due to Super Typhoon Yutu. He did not disclose whether they were able to leave the island as of publication.

Shinoda said he was asked by tourists over the phone for information, but was only able to share information disseminated by media outlets.

Shinoda said he wishes to work with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres on creating a point of contact for information regarding the welfare of tourists that are trapped in the CNMI in times of calamities.

Shinoda said that, as of October 2017, there are 708 Japanese residents on Saipan, 14 on Tinian, and nine on Rota.

A Marine with Combat Logistics Battalion 31 moves a fallen tree using a heavy forklift at the veteran's memorial during U.S. Defense Support of Civil Authorities relief efforts on Tinian on Nov. 4, 2018. Businesses, government buildings, homes and schools were heavily damaged by Super Typhoon Yutu, which made a direct hit with devastating effect on Tinian Oct. 25 packing 170 mph winds; it is the second strongest storm to ever hit U.S. soil and the strongest storm of 2018.

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Tinian Mayor's Office aids in debris removal

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The Tinian Mayor's Office is helping residents get rid of debris that littered their yard and property following the destruction of Super Typhoon Yutu last month.

Typhoon debris is one of the biggest concerns on the island right now, according to Municipal Operations Center public information officer Alexis Hofschneider Quan. She said staff from the Tinian Mayor's Office would start collecting the debris from villages "so we can help everyone return their houses to its normal state as soon as we possibly can and ease the burden of the recovery."

Hofschneider, who joined Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas in a Facebook video, said the Tinian Mayor's Office would start debris removal this week. "We will be sending out a team and they will be picking up the debris from your curb side and disposing of them for you…so you won't have to worry about it."

In turn, the help of residents is needed by having them assort the debris. "We need you to meet us halfway. In order to do so, everyone needs to sort their wastes into three categories: lumber and construction wood, tin roofing, and green waste.

Quan is also asking residents to place the sorted debris as far as toward the edge of their properties. "Toward the road in front of your house. We ask that you do this, so that we can pick up your debris without encroaching too far into your property."

"Place it near the road as far as you can. Toward the road from your property, then our guys would come over and pick it up for you. So, you don't have to worry about it," she added.

Quan said that daily household trash could go to the municipal dump where residents can dispose of them since the Mayor's Office staff won't pick them up. "Everything else, we're going to do the best that we can to help get rid of the debris for you."

San Nicolas also reminded residents to remain patient. "I ask that we continue to respect each other and to be patient for one another as we recover from Super Typhoon Yutu."

For more information, call the Tinian MOC at 433-1803.

SBA field office assists in recovery

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The U.S. Small Business Administration has opened a Business Recovery Center on Saipan to help local businesses and entrepreneurs that were heavily impacted by the onslaught by Super Typhoon Yutu last month.

The BRC will be located at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office at the Marianas Business Plaza (formerly Nauru Building) in Susupe.

The SBA office begins its operations yesterday and will be open Monday to Saturday, from 8am to 4pm.

Tanya N. Garfield, the SBA Disaster Field Operations Center-West director, said the BRC would provide low-interest loans services to businesses to help them recover from Super Typhoon Yutu.

"Due to the severe property damage and economic losses Yutu inflicted on Saipan businesses, we want to provide available service to help get them back on their feet. The center will provide a one-stop location for businesses to access a variety of specialized help."

"SBA customer service representatives will be available to meet individually with each business owner. No appointment is necessary. All services are provided free of charge," added Garfield.

She assured that SBA is also helping those affected by Typhoon Mangkhut, which hit Rota on Sept. 10; Yutu pummeled Saipan and Tinian on the late night of Oct. 24 and the early morning of Oct. 25. President Trump has approved two separate disaster declarations for the CNMI.

Garfield said that SBA representatives would explain to business owners about their disaster loans. "They will answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program, explain the application process and help each business owner complete their electronic loan application."

Small businesses and medium-sized enterprises, and private and nonprofit organizations may avail of up to $2 million to use for their repair or replacement of damaged or destroyed properties.

The properties may include real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory of products and goods, and other business assets. These loans would cover the losses that are nor covered by insurance.

Small businesses, agricultural cooperatives, those involved in aquaculture, private and nonprofit groups could also avail of SBA's economic injury disaster loans to give them working capital following a disaster. The assistance is available regardless if the business suffered any damage to their property or not.

Business owners that could not visit the field recovery center could log on and apply to disasterloan.sba.gov/ela or visit the SBA's website, sba.gov/disaster or call its customer service center at (800) 6592955 or email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information.

Businesses and residents affected by Typhoon Mangkhut have until Nov. 28, 2018, to submit their applications for property damage while economic injury applications for businesses is due by July 1, 2019.

As for Typhoon Yutu victims with property damage, both business and residents, they have until Dec. 26, 2018, to submit their loan applications while for businesses who want to avail of economic injury loans will have a July 26, 2019, deadline.

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SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF GLASS PULVERIZER
for the TINIAN TRANSFER STATION

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed bids for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Glass Pulverizer for the Tinian Transfer Station, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on October 24, 2018 at the Office of Management & Budget, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. A $25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. **All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.**

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001 and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference for this project on **Wednesday, October 30, 2018, 10:00 am ChST** at the CIP Office in Capitol Hill, Saipan. Questions concerning this project shall be directed to Ms. Nerissa Benavente in writing by e-mail: nerissa.cip@gmail.com, on or before **Wednesday, November 14, 2018** to the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or fax (670) 664-2408. All responses to inquiries will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked ***ITB19-GOV-006 Supply, Delivery and Installation of Glass Pulverizer for the Tinian Transfer Station.*** For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST November 21, 2018.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST November 21, 2018** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@cnmidof.net. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 21, 2018** and the bid documents must be received no later than November 28, 2018. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan at ***10:00 a.m. ChST November 29, 2018.*** However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open at ***10:00 a.m. ChST November 21, 2018.***

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00.

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All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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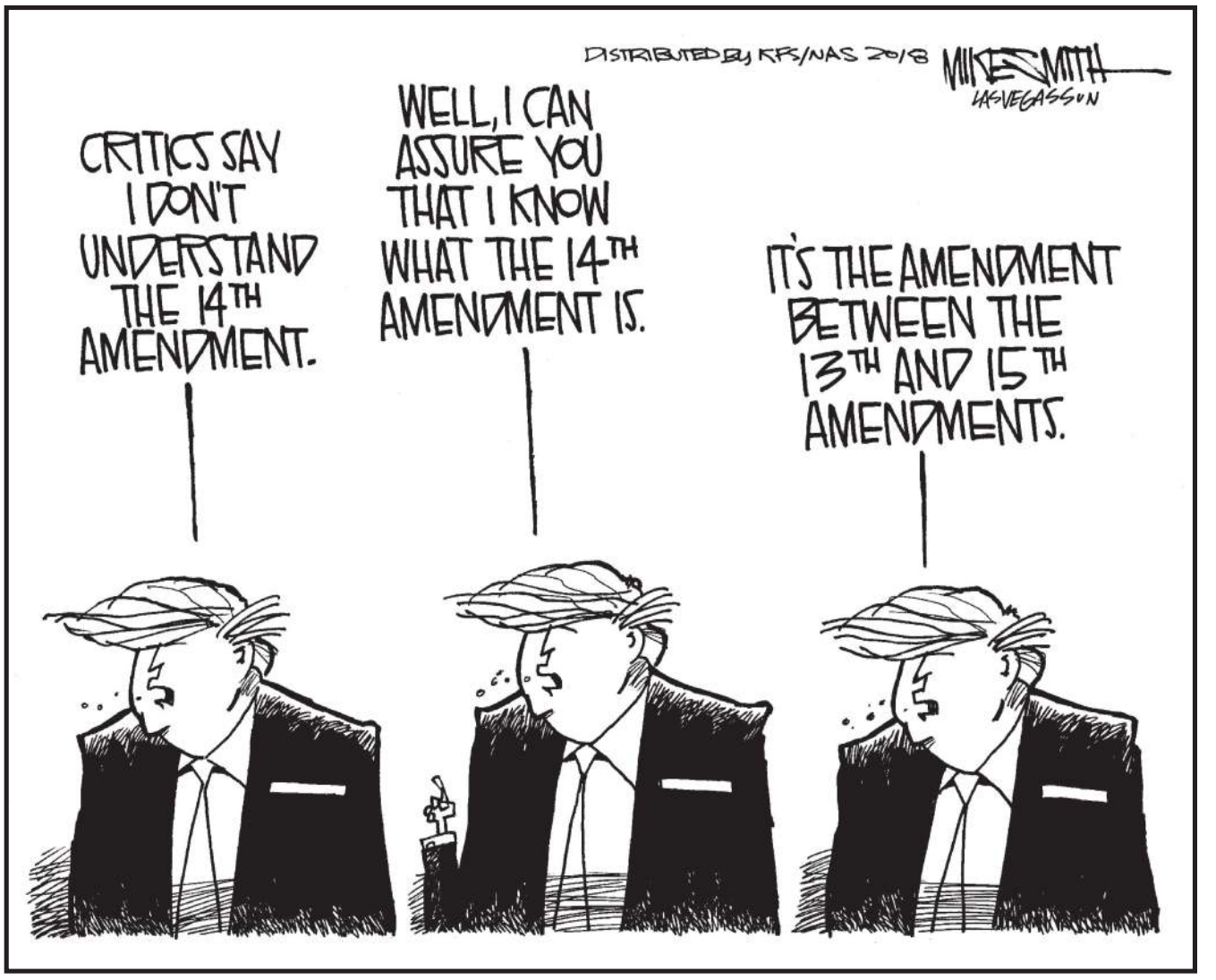
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EDITORIAL

Saving Earth: Two new reports paint a grim picture indeed

KATIE FALKENBERG/LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS

A member of the Bageni family rests near family members in the Mikeno Sector of Virunga National Park on Sept. 23, 2014. Gorillas are one of my species that have declined in the last several decades.

A sickening news alert on the state of the planet: Earth's ecosystems are vanishing at an alarming rate, killing off mankind's fellow creatures as never before, and as never imagined.

Writing in the journal Nature, James Watson, James Allan and others surveyed this pale blue dot and found that 77 percent of land and 87 percent of the ocean has now been aggressively—and often irrevocably—changed by human activities.

Undisturbed wilderness areas happen to be the places that most efficiently suck up the carbon dioxide that causes global warming. But it's almost obscene to talk about nature solely in terms of its utility to the dominant species. We must preserve and protect landscapes and seascapes, and the animals within them, for their own inherent value.

But wait, here's another news alert: A second report released this week, this one by the World Wildlife Fund, says that since 1970, thousands of carefully monitored vertebrate animal populations—reptiles, amphibians, fish, birds and mammals like us—have declined by an average of 60 percent.

We here are fans of humans, and of human development. Homo sapiens is the only species that makes art, and the only one that reads editorials. We want people to be able to house, clothe and feed themselves, including by eating animals.

But if humans don't learn to live in relative harmony with other living things—if creatures great and small continue to vanish as we flourish—we will have gained the world and lost our souls.

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Don't mess with birthright citizenship

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Whenever I talk about immigration matters, I try not to let people see that tattoo on my forehead, the one with the Statue of Liberty wrapped in a copy of the 14th Amendment. It's a conversation killer.

But there's no avoiding the fact that my day job has a strong influence on the way I view President Trump's announced decision to get rid of birthright citizenship, something which has been fairly settled law for over a century.

That is, until the topic of illegal immigration became a useful arrow in the campaign quivers of both parties. The GOP, which used to have a healthy appreciation for the contributions of immigrants to society, has morphed into the party of "they all killed Kate Steinle." And the Democrats have reacted by doing absolutely nothing, even when they were in the majority, to alleviate the problems caused by a broken border and ineffective laws that paralyze families and the economy.

It was inevitable that immigrants would once again become that convenient political football, raw meat for the social media masses.

I'm hip to the games people play, and I usually ignore the comments about criminal aliens, gang members, racist Republicans and the like. That's because I'm an immigration lawyer and know a lot more about the inner workings of the laws and the real world impact on people like my clients than the Facebook scholars who keep posting links on my page about "birth tourism," which I thought was what happened when Mary and Joseph were scouting out a room at the inn.

If that makes me sound pretentious, so be it. I tend hide my law degree under a bushel until I hear something that twists my lower intestine into a pretzel.

And my lower intestine is ready for some mustard this week, because the drumbeat of "eliminating birthright citizenship" has gotten louder. The useful imagery of the caravan at our southern border was diminished somewhat by the intervening tragedies of the pipe bomber and the murderous anti-semite in Pittsburgh. So the White House did a masterful pivot, and raised the specter of scary "anchor babies" and the harm they pose to good, decent Americans.

The term "anchor baby" was coined about 20 years ago, but it really gained prominence in 2006 when the country was embroiled in a debate about comprehensive immigration reform. When I first heard it, I envisioned Walter Cronkite with a bib and a rattle, until I realized that this derogatory term was being used to denote a child born in the United States who would be able to confer benefits upon an illegal alien parent.

By 2006, I had been practicing immigration law for over a decade, and knew that there was no such thing as a baby who could immediately legalize mommy and daddy. In most cases, that child needed to reach the age of 21 before he or she could sponsor a parent for lawful permanent residence or "the green card," so it appeared to me as if that anchor was about as heavy as a feather.

Then, proponents of the term started talking about all the government benefits that baby could get, which are really just the same benefits any US citizen is entitled to receive.

And, kaboom!, the whole issue of birthright citizenship reared its anachronistic head. Since the time of the Civil War, the Fourteenth Amendment has held that any person born in the United States and "subject to the jurisdiction thereof" is a native born citizen. Now, Trump and his friends who want to eliminate birthright citizenship or "ius solis" are saying that the children of illegal aliens are not "subject to the jurisdiction" of the US and therefore not entitled to citizenship. I'm having a hard time trying to figure out how an illegal alien who commits a crime in the US is not "subject to the jurisdiction" of our laws, and I'm sure all of those people worried about their daughters being raped by MS-13 members are equally interested.

But even if this were a legitimate argument, there are a lot of problems with the way that the White House is approaching it. First, you don't fix a policy problem by erasing parts of the Constitution with that pen you swiped from Obama. Second, you generally don't ignore the clear wording of a statute unless there is compelling evidence to the contrary. And most importantly, you don't dare change the thing that makes us exceptional: the fact that prince and pauper, invalid and healthy, black man and white woman, are equally entitled to the great gift of citizenship.

Lay off my Bill of Rights, Mr. President.

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The midterms have boosted my faith in America

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No matter who does well in the U.S. midterm elections, no matter if the contests are the most negative ever, the way the campaign has shaped up is bringing back my faith in the U.S. as a sane country. After months of media bombardment on the issue, "Russia-gate" barely gets a mention in the hard-fought races.

Earlier last month, Wesleyan University's Media Project reported, citing data from Kantar Media's Campaign Media Analysis Group, that in the month ending in mid-October, only 0.1 percent of ad airings for House races, and none at all for the Senate, referred to Russia or special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian interference during the 2016 presidential election.

The share of Russia-related ads on Facebook and Instagram appears to be slightly bigger. Facebook's political ad archive (which includes Instagram's) numbers 1,850,468 ads, on which some $300 million has been spent since May. Searching for Russia in the archive yields 8,100 results, or 0.4 percent of the total, though some of these are anti-Russia-gate, such as one that pictures a T-shirt with the message, "Russia Didn't Make Me Vote for Trump, Hillary Did."

One might expect the discussion of Russia collusion to play an outsize role in certain specific races, most notably in the one in California's 48th congressional district, where the incumbent, Republican Dana Rohrabacher, is fighting a stiff challenge from Republican-turned-Democrat Harley Rouda.

Rohrabacher is an unabashed Russia dove who is well-liked in the Kremlin, and, given Russia's widely assumed political toxicity, Democrats have used this against him. The most-aired spot in the campaign portrays Rohrabacher as a cosmonaut bobbing up and down in outer space, with a Russian flag on the sleeve of his spacesuit and a Russian rocket sailing across the screen in the background. "'Dana, do you copy?' I think we've lost him completely," a voice says.

But Russia doesn't get an explicit mention in the text of the ad. Instead, Rohrabacher is accused of voting 21 times to raise his salary during his 30-year stint in Congress, militating against the sale of houses to gays and suggesting schoolchildren be trained to use firearms. That, and not any Russia connection, is, according to the ad, why he's "way out there." And while Rohrabacher's stance on Russia came up in the candidates' debate last month, it was only discussed briefly. Immigration got far more airplay.

The Orange County race is special because Rohrabacher is the rare American politician who opens himself up to attack by insisting that the U.S. should cooperate with Russia rather than antagonize it. This hasn't turned him into a pariah with voters; he and Rouda are virtually tied, though Rohrabacher appears to have gained some poll momentum lately.

I'm not rooting for the Republican, who holds some pretty outlandish views on climate change and guns. I'm just noting with pleasure that even in this outlier of a case, the campaign is about different issues than Russian President Vladimir Putin and his supposedly evil role in recent U.S. history. Rouda isn't focusing on fighting a Russian menace: He's more concerned about inequality, education, "common sense gun reform" and health care as a right.

Health care, according to Kantar Media, is the biggest issue in the midterms, commanding by far the most airtime. It's followed by taxes, jobs, education and social issues.

Russia's near-absence from the campaign doesn't, of course, mean that Russia-gate is over, that President Donald Trump is in the clear or that Russia didn't mess with Democrats or U.S. social network users in 2016. Mueller has plenty of evidence it did. His investigation is still under way; the special counsel is simply being scrupulous about observing the Department of Justice practice of making no potentially election-swinging revelations within 60 days of the vote.

Without any indictments fanning the media flames, using Russia-gate as a campaign issue may not look like a winning tactic. But even disregarding Mueller's further findings, all hell may break loose again on Russia-gate if the Democrats win the House and—who knows?—maybe even a Senate majority.

To me, as a Russian watching U.S. politics with a mixture of wonder, fear and cynicism, the sanity of the Washington establishment is an issue of secondary importance. I know U.S. democracy is real and bottom-up; I saw Americans in far-flung towns caucus earnestly during the 2016 primaries, and I've heard them debate policy issues of real importance to them with knowledge and passion.

I know for a fact that neither Putin nor any outsider picked a president for these people. And I'm happy to see, even though the Russia narrative dominated the political and media conversation, that politicians running in the midterms realize their voters care more about issues closer to home.

American voters' traditional lack of attention to foreign-policy issues is a sign of political health and sanity. Russians normally share this disposition, and while Putin changed it by whipping up a "patriotic" frenzy after the 2014 Crimea annexation, my fellow countrymen are now reverting to global policy indifference. It's nice to know that Americans haven't allowed themselves to be distracted by a search for external enemies and that the midterms are likely to turn on health care, tax and education issues, not on narratives of treason and dark foreign plots.

This gives me hope that Russia won't be a major issue in the 2020 presidential election either, regardless of where the Mueller investigation leads. One can question the wisdom of U.S. voters' 2016 choice, but not the basic premise that in a sane country, elections should be fought and won on issues of importance to voters' daily lives and that a foreign threat becomes one only when war looms.

If the Republicans should lose next week and Trump in 2020, it will be because of how they handle these real issues.

This is America to me

BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A skateboarder gets a high-five as commuters depart the CTA "L" Damen station in Wicker Park on Wednesday, June 20, 2018.

By GREG TROTTER
Chicago Tribune

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CHICAGO—This week, I saw a Jewish man on a Metra train, hunched over what appeared to be a prayer book, his lips silently moving, the words inscrutable to me.

I saw two young men, teenagers maybe, locked in a loving kiss on a street corner in the Loop. When the light turned green, they reluctantly parted.

In my office building, I saw two Muslim women descending on the escalator, their dark eyes luminescent beneath their hijabs, their dimples creased in laughter.

Later that day, I saw an albino bucket boy, solemn between shows for the tourists, his pale blue eyes looking up to the sky.

I saw three young black women, their smiles knowing and sanguine.

By the Randolph Street Bridge, I saw one elderly man standing over another, pressing money into his palm. The homeless man croaked out his blessings in a deep baritone.

On Randolph Street a few days prior, a blues band of black and white men played a searing tune, its title just beyond reach, as passers-by lingered to listen. Some nodded to the thumping bass line, others held up their phones to record video they would later share. "I was here," they might say. "I saw this."

Above ground, the lights of the theater marquees twinkled in the dusk as commuters hustled home. For others, the day was just beginning. What beautiful sights to see in the city of Chicago. How lucky I was to see them.

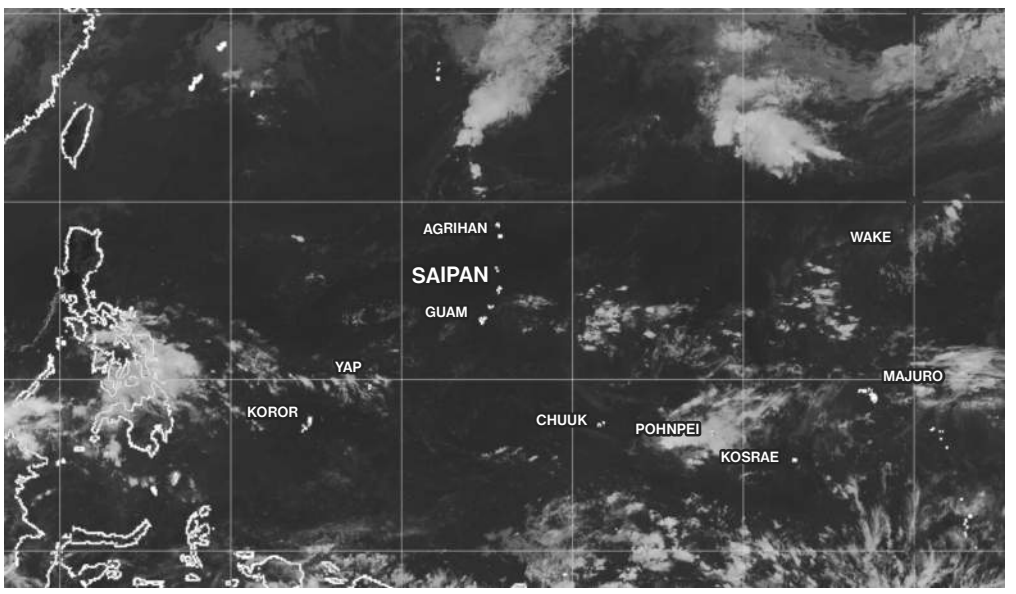
This is America to me.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲90° ▼77°	▲90° ▼77°	▲89° ▼77°	▲90° ▼77°	▲90° ▼77°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:25 AM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Overall, it should be fairly quiet and dry once again today. There are a few showers evident on radar mainly between Guam and Rota. Some guidance suggests, there could be an uptick in showers on Tuesday, but the best chance of showers this week appears to be either Wednesday night or Thursday. Interestingly, the GFS which showed the potential first has now backed off, while some of the other guidance has become more robust. There still seems a possibility that scattered showers will be needed for at least a portion of the period between Wednesday night and Thursday. Dry weather returns after that into the weekend and early next week.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	87° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	86° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Showers	66° / 59°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	55° / 34°
Hong Kong	Sunny	82° / 73°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	84° / 73°
London	Cloudy	61° / 52°
Los Angeles	Sunny	73° / 56°
Manila	Mostly Sunny	90° / 79°
Melbourne	Showers	59° / 45°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	83° / 77°
New York	Cloudy	65° / 51°
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	73° / 57°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	64° / 46°
Busan	Cloudy	66° / 57°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	70° / 55°
Salem	Thunderstorms	76° / 59°
San Francisco	Sunny	65° / 48°
Seoul	Sunny	64° / 37°
Tokyo	Cloudy	66° / 57°
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	69° / 49°

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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
12:36 AM	LOW TIDE	0.20
6:38 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.82
12:38 PM	LOW TIDE	0.55
6:27 PM	HIGH TIDE	2.04

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:14 AM	5:46 PM
Wednesday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Thursday	6:15 AM	5:45 PM
Friday	6:15 AM	5:45 PM
Saturday	6:16 AM	5:45 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	4:40 AM	4:54 PM	-
Wednesday	5:35 AM	5:37 PM	-
Thursday	6:29 AM	6:22 PM	-
Friday	7:23 AM	7:08 PM	-
Saturday	8:17 AM	7:56 PM	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2018

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:15am	9:55am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:30am	8:11am	Daily
UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

– temporarily suspended

7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

7C3452	9:35pm	2:00am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3452	10:05pm	2:00am+1	1

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

– ALL FLIGHTS temporarily suspended

TW9308	1:10am	4:10am	3, 4
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW9308	3:20am	6:30am	2
TW9308	3:25am	6:30am	5
7C3403	4:35am	8:25am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

– ALL FLIGHTS temporarily suspended

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
TW9307	6:30pm	12:10am+1	2, 3
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
TW9307	9:00pm	2:20am+1	1
TW9307	9:05pm	2:25am+1	4
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

– temporarily suspended

3U8648	6:10am	8:30am	1, 4, 5, 7

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

– temporarily suspended

JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

– temporarily suspended

3U8646	4:20am	7:35am	2, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

3U8645	8:20pm	2:50am+1	1, 5

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

– temporarily suspended

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

– temporarily suspended

MU763	4:55pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:15am	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA105/183	6:25pm	9:50pm	2, 4 via GUM

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/174	12:40am	8:11am+1	3, 6 via GUM
PR110/UA174	10:05pm	8:11am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/174	10:30pm	8:11am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174	10:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

UA117/159	9:15am	11:00pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA105/159	6:25pm	11:00pm	2, 4 via GUM

Temporarily suspended:

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
UO43	5:40am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

UA116/174	11:45pm	8:11am+1	2, 4, 6 via GUM
UA116/174	11:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 5 via GUM

Temporarily suspended:

HX07	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Business

NAFTA 2.0 could draw some jobs back to US, but at what cost?

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump insists his new North American trade deal will deliver a victory for U.S. factory workers by returning many high-paying jobs to the United States.

Maybe. But a review of the agreement suggests that it could also mean higher prices for consumers and more inefficiencies for businesses. And the biggest winners might end up being robots and the companies that make them.

As Americans vote in the midterm elections, Trump is heralding the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement as a triumph for his antagonistic trade policy—an approach that he says will usher in "a new dawn for the American auto industry and the American auto worker."

The pact, unveiled Sept. 30, does appear to meet some of Trump's goals: It could shift more factory production to the United States, thereby reversing a long-standing flow of jobs to lower-wage Mexico. And it could result in better working conditions and perhaps higher pay for Mexico's long-suffering laborers.

AP

In this Monday, Oct. 1, 2018 file photo, President Donald Trump speaks as he announces a revamped North American free trade deal, in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington. President Donald Trump insists his new North American trade deal will deliver a victory for U.S. factory workers by returning many high-paying jobs to the United States.

But shifting away from a business model that relies on Mexican labor would likely mean higher-priced cars for American consumers. And North America's automakers could become less competitive compared with rivals in Europe and Asia.

"It's going to be harder to keep North America competitive as a manufacturing hub," said Michael McAdoo of the Boston Consulting Group.

What's more, much of the manufacturing work that does return to the United States would likely be done by robots in America's increasingly automated plants, not by human workers.

The deal—known by its acronym, USMCA—is meant to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement. Trump had long condemned the 24-year-old NAFTA as a killer of American jobs. He even banished its name once the new deal was struck.

NAFTA had erased most trade barriers separating the United States, Canada and Mexico. Trade among the three surged. But many U.S. manufacturers moved factories and jobs to Mexico to capitalize on cheaper labor. Those manufacturers could then ship cars and other goods back to the United States and Canada, duty-free.

Trump demanded a new deal more favorable to American workers. Negotiations began in August 2017 and eventually produced USMCA.

"These measures will support many hundreds of thousands of American jobs," Trump declared early last month.

USMCA isn't a done deal. It has yet to be signed by the leaders or ratified by the legislatures of the three countries. Some Democrats have expressed support for the pact. But if their party regains control of the U.S. House in Tuesday's elections, it's far from clear that its leaders would want to hand Trump a victory.

Medical marijuana cardholders decline in Oregon

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP)—Medical marijuana patients and growers in Josephine County and across the state are abandoning the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program.

Long considered a source of Oregon's black market, medical marijuana is fast falling victim to a combination of red tape and a different kind of market force: the convenience of recreational retail sales.

"Medical could officially have a gravestone," said Kit Doyle, who formerly sold medical marijuana but switched to hemp products through his business, the Murphy Hemp Company.

The number of patients registered with the OMMP is half of what it was a year ago. Statewide it dropped 41 percent, from 59,137 to 34,892. In the county it was almost 50 percent—from 7,027 to 3,540.

The number of registered growers also dropped precipitously. Statewide it went from 23,175 to 13,959—40 percent. In the county, it went from 2,957 to 1,668—a 44 percent drop.

Doyle and several industry watchers think the numbers will continue to go down, according to The Daily Courier.

Medical marijuana has been legal in Oregon since 1998, when voters created a system that allowed registered persons to grow their own marijuana—or obtain it from someone who grew it for them.

But even as the state Legislature took steps to allow dispensaries for medical marijuana, a sea change occurred in 2014, when voters legalized recreational marijuana, allowing retail sales to anyone over 21 and setting up commercial production.

It also allows people to grow up to four recreational plants with no registration requirements, except where prohibited by local statute, such as within the city limits of Grants Pass.

To feed those outlets, the state issued licenses to approved growers and operators.

As of this week, there have been 475 applications to grow, process, sell or test marijuana in Josephine County for the retail market. Reflecting the region's conducive-to-cannabis climate, the vast majority, 399, were for recreational farms.

Medical marijuana patients who buy at retail dispensaries are able to avoid sale taxes that can reach 20 percent, although they must pay an annual $200 application fee to be an OMMP-registered patient.

The hassle of having to pony up $200 for the annual application fee—and the proliferation of dispensaries selling recreational pot—appears to be a factor in the decline.

New boss, fewer duties

Q: Several months ago, the university where I work hired a new dean who has completely changed my job. During my 20 years as the former dean's assistant, I performed a wide variety of duties which I liked and handled well. But after "Dr. Jordan" came, my more interesting responsibilities were given to other people, leaving me with boring clerical tasks.

Because I want to do more than schedule meetings and make travel arrangements, I am now applying for positions in other departments. However, I feel quite resentful about being pushed out of a job which I enjoyed for many years. I am tempted to share my feelings with Dr. Jordan, but I don't know if that would be a good idea.

A: Turnover at the top almost inevitably results in operational change. For long-serving employees, these alterations in policies, procedures and positions can feel like a minor earthquake, so your reaction is certainly understandable. The present and previous deans clearly have widely differing views about the role of an assistant.

Watching your job description shrink must have been sad and frustrating, so seeking a more rewarding position is a wise move. For your own benefit, however, you should still maintain a pleasant and positive demeanor with your current boss. If those other departments ask Dr. Jordan for a reference, a negative review could kill your transfer prospects.

Although resentment is a natural and expected response in this situation, you must make a concerted effort to get those feelings under control. Resentment is one of the most destructive emotions at work, because the recipient will eventually sense the hostility and react accordingly, sending the relationship into a downward spiral.

So while venting those angry feelings might feel good at first, doing so could easily jeopardize future goals. After the arrival of new management, employees can choose to be contentious or collaborative. I'll let you guess which group has better career prospects.

Q: A new supervisor who reports to me seems to spend a lot of time listening to his team's personal problems. I believe he is just trying to show compassion and concern, but he needs to learn that managers should not try to act like counselors with their employees. How can I help him recognize appropriate boundaries without being too critical?

A: Any strength carried too far can become a weakness. When talking with your overly empathic supervisor, explain that while you encourage friendly staff relationships, personal counseling can easily become problematic.

For example: "One of your strengths as a supervisor is that you really care about your employees. However, you need to be sure that you don't get too involved in their private lives. Lately, you and your staff seem to be spending a lot of work time discussing personal issues, so I need for you to limit these conversations in the future."

Suggest some specific strategies for politely and appropriately ending such discussions, and then schedule a follow-up meeting to review progress. If you continue to provide feedback and coaching, he should soon begin to figure out where that boundary lies.

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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Tribune News Service

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Nation

Utah mayor, guard member killed by trainee in Afghanistan

NORTH OGDEN, Utah (AP)—A Utah mayor who was also a Utah Army National Guard major training commandos in Afghanistan was fatally shot by one of his Afghan trainees, officials said Sunday.

Brent Taylor, 39, had taken a yearlong leave of absence as mayor of North Ogden north of Salt Lake City for his deployment to Afghanistan.

He was a military intelligence officer with Joint Force Headquarters and was expected to return to his mayoral job in January. Another U.S. military member whose name was not immediately made public was wounded in Saturday's attack that killed Taylor, who died from wounds from small arms fire, military officials said.

Maj. Gen. Jefferson S. Burton, the adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, told reporters that Taylor's mission was to help train and build the capacity of the Afghan national army.

"He was with folks he was helping and training. That's what's so painful about this. It's bitter," Burton said. "I do believe that Major Taylor felt he was among friends, with people he was working with."

Utah media outlets cited a statement from NATO saying that Taylor was shot by one of the commandos being trained and that the attacker was killed by Afghan forces.

Taylor leaves behind a wife and seven children. His remains are scheduled to arrive at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware on Monday evening.

AP
This undated photo provided by the Utah National Guard shows Maj. Brent Taylor of the Utah National Guard. Taylor, former mayor of North Ogden, died in Afghanistan on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018, City Councilman Phillip Swanson said.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert said Taylor "was there to help. He was a leader. He loved the people of Afghanistan... This is a sad day for Utah, for America."

"Brent was a hero, a patriot, a wonderful father, and a dear friend," U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah said on Twitter. "News of his death in Afghanistan is devastating. My prayers and love are with Jennie and his seven young children. His service will always be remembered."

Taylor served two tours in Iraq and was on his second tour in Afghanistan.

Taylor in January when he was being deployed told local media that he was assigned to serve on an advisory team training the staff of an Afghan commando battalion.

Hundreds of residents of North Ogden lined the street to see him off as police escorted him and his family around North Ogden, a community of about 17,000.

Taylor became the city's mayor in 2013.

'Everything's at stake' on eve of first Trump-era elections

WASHINGTON (AP)—The day of reckoning for American politics has nearly arrived.

Voters on Tuesday will decide the $5 billion debate between President Donald Trump's take-no-prisoner politics and the Democratic Party's super-charged campaign to end the GOP's monopoly in Washington and statehouses across the nation.

There are indications that an oft-discussed "blue wave" may help Democrats seize control of at least one chamber of Congress. But two years after an election that proved polls and prognosticators wrong, nothing is certain on the eve of the first nationwide elections of the Trump presidency.

"I don't think there's a Democrat in this country that doesn't have a little angst left over from 2016 deep down," said Stephanie Schriock, president of EMILY's List, which spent more than ever before — nearly $60 million in all — to support Democratic women this campaign season.

"Everything matters and everything's at stake," Schriock said.

All 435 seats in the U.S. House are up for re-election. And 35 Senate seats are in play, as are almost 40 governorships and the balance of power in virtually every state legislature.

While he is not on the ballot, Trump himself has acknowledged that the 2018 midterms, above all, represent a referendum on his presidency.

Should Democrats win control of the House, as strategists in both parties suggest is likely, they could derail Trump's legislative agenda for the next two years. Perhaps more importantly, they would also win subpoena power to investigate the president's many personal and professional missteps.

Tuesday's elections will also test the strength of a Trump-era political realignment defined by evolving divisions among voters by race, gender and especially education.

Trump's Republican coalition is increasingly becoming older, whiter, more male and less likely to have a college degree. Democrats are relying more upon women, people of color, young people and college graduates.

The political realignment, if there is one, could re-shape U.S. politics for a generation.

Just five years ago, the Republican National Committee reported that the GOP's very survival depended upon attracting more minorities and women. Those voters have increasingly fled Trump's Republican Party, turned off by his chaotic leadership style and xenophobic rhetoric. Blue-collar men, however, have embraced the unconventional president.

One of the RNC report's authors, Ari Fleischer, acknowledged that Republican leaders never envisioned expanding their ranks with white, working-class men.

"What it means to be Republican is being rewritten as we speak," Fleischer said. "Donald Trump has the pen, and his handwriting isn't always very good."

A nationwide poll released Sunday by NBC News and The Wall Street Journal details the depth of the demographic shifts.

Democrats led with likely African-American voters (84 percent to 8 percent), Latinos (57 percent to 29 percent), voters between the ages of 18-34 (57 percent to 34 percent), women (55 percent to 37 percent) and independents (35 percent to 23 percent).

Among white college-educated women, Democrats enjoy a 28-point advantage: 61 percent to 33 percent.

On the other side, Republicans led with voters between the ages of 50 and 64 (52 percent to 43 percent), men (50 percent to 43 percent) and whites (50 percent to 44 percent). And among white men without college degrees, Republicans led 65 percent to 30 percent.

Wisconsin town mourns 3 Girl Scouts, 1 adult killed in crash

LAKE HALLIE, Wis. (AP)—A western Wisconsin community on Sunday was grieving the deaths of three Girl Scouts and a parent who were collecting trash along a rural highway when police say a pickup truck veered off the road and hit them before speeding away.

Authorities have not released the names of the girls or the woman who were struck by the truck Saturday in Lake Hallie, or the name of a fourth girl who survived but was in critical condition at a Minnesota hospital. The girls were fourth-graders and members of Troop 3055 in nearby Chippewa Falls, about 90 miles (145 kilometers) east of Minneapolis.

"Our hearts are broken for the girls and families of the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes," CEO Sylvia Acevedo of Girl Scouts of the USA said in a statement Sunday. "The Girl Scout Movement everywhere stands with our sister Girl Scouts in Wisconsin to grieve and comfort one another in the wake of this terrible tragedy."

Hundreds of community members gathered in 40-degree weather Sunday evening for a vigil outside Halmstad Elementary School, where some of the girls were students. Many in the crowd held candles and umbrellas in the light rain. Several Girl Scouts sang songs in memory of the victims.

Earlier Sunday, teddy bears, balloons and candles sat on two wooden benches in front of Halmstad Elementary while dozens of families met inside with faith leaders and counselors. Families did the same at Southview Elementary School, the other school the girls attended, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported.

"It's been very nice. There's been a lot of people—it's been a very supportive environment," said Michelle Golden, human resources director for Chippewa Falls School District.

In a message to parents, Superintendent Heidi Eliopoulos said: "This is a difficult time for our students, families and staff. We will be providing ongoing support for both students (and) families and staff for as long as needed."

Lake Hallie police Sgt. Daniel Sokup said the pickup, a black Ford F-150, crossed a lane and veered into a roadside ditch, striking the victims. Other members of the troop were picking up trash from the opposite shoulder.

The 21-year-old driver, Colten Treu of Chippewa Falls, sped off but later surrendered. He will be charged with four counts of homicide, Sokup said. It was unclear Sunday if Treu had an attorney who could speak for him. Police misspelled Treu's first name as "Colton" in initial news releases.

Sokup said it was not immediately known if there were other factors that might have led the driver to leave the road. The Star Tribune reported that the crash happened before a hill and there were no blind spots, and Sokup said it was "not an unsafe area."

But Cecily Spallees, a personal care attendant at a group home near the crash site, told the newspaper that drivers regularly speed on that stretch of road, which quickly changes from a 55-mph to a 35-mph zone.

Asia

China, India cautiously watch Sri Lankan crisis

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—China and India are closely watching the constitutional crisis in Sri Lanka, which has been a battleground in their struggle for geopolitical supremacy in South Asia.

Chinese and Indian diplomats have been careful not to overtly take sides in the political turmoil, which has seen President Maithripala Sirisena oust Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, replace him with former strongman Mahinda Rajapaksa, and suspend Parliament.

Wickremesinghe, meanwhile, has holed up at the prime minister's residence and insisted he is Sri Lanka's rightful leader.

The caution exercised by the Asian giants stands in contrast to calls from Western diplomats for Parliament to immediately be summoned for a floor vote on Rajapaksa's appointment and underscores the economic and military importance the countries place on the Indian Ocean island nation.

"They're hedging their bets," said Bharath Gopalaswamy, director of the Atlantic Council's South Asia Center. India and China "both have stakes in the global system and want to play a bigger role, so they have to signal they'll work with whomever."

For China, Sri Lanka is a critical link in its massive Belt and Road Initiative, which aims to use infrastructure projects to expand trade across a vast arc of 65 countries from the South Pacific through Asia to Africa and Europe. It has handed out billions of dollars in loans for Sri Lankan projects over the past decade.

Located just 23 kilometers (14 miles) off its southeast coast, India sees Sri Lanka as a bulwark in its military defenses to ward off potential Chinese incursions and also sees the island as a key partner for regional trade. India has grown wary of China's economic influence over Sri Lanka and was troubled by a 2014 port visit from a Chinese submarine and warship.

Sri Lanka's ties to both nations date back thousands of years. It was a stop along China's old Silk Road trade routes, where merchants picked up pepper, cinnamon, ivory and pearl.

Sri Lanka traces much of its genealogy and culture to India, with folklore saying the island's majority Sinhalese are descendants of an Indian prince banished there 2,000 years ago.

The nation's minority Tamils, meanwhile, are in part the descendants of more than a million tea and rubber plantation workers brought to Sri Lanka from southern India by British colonial rulers in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Yet that hasn't always led to smooth relations. During Sri Lanka's decadeslong civil war, which pitted Tamil rebels against the government, India intervened in the 1980s by sending a peacekeeping force that quickly found itself engaged in battle with the rebels. They were asked to withdraw a few years later amid allegations of abuses against Tamils.

China filled the vacuum left by India, providing military assistance that helped the Rajapaksa-led government defeat the rebels in 2009. In 2012, China helped block a UN Human Rights Council resolution demanding that the Sri Lankan government investigate war crimes. It would later pass, but it prompted little action by Rajapaksa, who was in power from 2005 to 2015.

Pakistan blasphemy case: Husband appeals to Trump, UK PM

MULTAN, Pakistan (AP)—The husband of a Christian woman acquitted eight years after being sentenced to death for blasphemy, but not released after countrywide protests, appealed on Sunday to U.S. President Donald Trump and British Prime Minister Theresa May to help the family leave Pakistan.

Asia Bibi's husband, Ashiq Masih, in a brief video message said they were in danger in Pakistan.

"Please help us, we are in trouble in Pakistan," Masih appealed to Trump and May. Masih had previously told The Associated Press by phone that he and his wife feared for their lives. "We are now living under an increased sense of fear."

Bibi' lawyer Saiful Malook has already fled the country for safety.

Bibi was arrested in 2009 after she was accused of blasphemy following a quarrel with two fellow female farm workers who refused to drink from a water container used by a Christian. A few days later, a mob accused her of insulting Islam's prophet, leading to her 2010 conviction. Bibi's family has always maintained her innocence and says she never insulted the prophet.

Insulting Islam is punishable by death in Pakistan, and the mere rumor of doing so can incite lynchings.

Pakistan's top court acquitted Bibi on Wednesday of the charges carrying the death penalty, infuriating hard-line Islamists who held three days of nationwide protests demanding her execution. The enraged protesters torched scores of vehicles, blocked highways and attacked government and public property; a radical cleric also threatened to kill the three judges who acquitted Bibi. The protests ended after the government agreed to impose a travel ban on Bibi and allow her case to be reviewed. A review petition was filed in the Supreme Court.

Earlier in the day, police said over 150 people were arrested on charges of arson, vandalism and violence during the protests.

Senior police officer Nayab Haider said that police were using video clips to identify those involved in assaults, torching property and vehicles, and blocking highways.

Defending the police's actions, Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry said the government cannot spare those involved in violence. He said that the government cleared blocked cities without any bloodshed.

"No government can tolerate a rebellion against the state," Chaudhry said.

Human Rights Minister Shireen Mazari tweeted that "appeasement to 'avoid bloodshed' sends a dangerous message to non-state actors and undermines the concept of democratic peaceful protest."

"The State has to enforce Rule of Law, Constitution and stand by state institutions especially when they are targeted" Mazari added.

Also Sunday, some two thousands supporters of Jamaat-e-Islami party held a protest march in southern port city of Karachi against the acquittal of Bibi but they remained peaceful.

World

Migrant caravan sets sight on getting to Mexico City

CORDOBA, Mexico (AP)—Thousands of bone-tired Central Americans set their sights on Mexico City on Sunday after making a grueling journey through a part of Mexico that has been particularly treacherous for migrants seeking to get to the United States.

Young Central American migrants who splintered off a U.S.-bound caravan to move faster to the capital, wait for their parents to sift through donated clothing at a sporting center that has been turned into a shelter for them in Mexico City, Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018. AP

An estimated 4,000 migrants are in the Gulf state of Veracruz, where hundreds of migrants have disappeared in recent years, falling prey to kidnappers looking for ransom payments. The day's 124-mile (200-kilometer) trek was one of the longest yet, as the exhausted migrants tried to make progress walking and hitching rides toward the U.S. border still hundreds of miles away.

The migrants now aim to regroup in the Mexican capital, seeking medical care and rest while they await stragglers. The caravan has found strength in numbers as it meanders north, with townspeople pouring out to offer food, water, fresh clothes and replacement footwear.

In a thundering voice vote Sunday night, about 1,000 migrants at the gymnasium in Cordoba voted to try to make it to Mexico City on Monday, which would be their longest single-day journey yet since the caravan began—178 miles (286 kilometers) by the shortest route.

Joel Eduardo Espinar is determined to continue the arduous trek with his family.

Earlier Sunday, the bulk of the caravan streamed into the colonial city of Cordoba, in Veracruz's sugar belt, where they were greeted with Caribbean music and dance. Meanwhile, bleary eyed migrants who had charged ahead to Mexico City expressed gratitude for the support of their fellow travelers, saying they would not have had the strength or courage to get so far on their own.

A few arrived at a large outdoor stadium in the capital, where they lounged on bleachers and watched Mexicans play soccer. City employees piled hot food onto Styrofoam plates for the migrants, some of whom had hopped freight trucks to speed their arrival to the capital. Others rested inside a church in the city of Puebla.

It is unclear what part of the U.S. border the caravan will aim for eventually, or how many may splinter off on their own.

Most of the migrants said they remain convinced that traveling as a large mass is their best hope for reaching the U.S. The migrants generally say they are fleeing rampant poverty, gang violence and political instability primarily in the Central American countries of Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua.

"We think that it is better to continue together with the caravan. We are going to stay with it and respect the organizers," said Luis Euseda, a 32-year-old from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, traveling with his wife, Jessica Fugon. "Others went ahead, maybe they have no goal, but we do have a goal and it is to arrive."

UK says reports of imminent Brexit deal are 'speculation'

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Theresa May's office on Sunday dismissed as speculation reports that Britain and the European Union were close to striking a divorce deal after reaching a compromise on the intractable issue of the Irish border.

Downing Street said "negotiations are ongoing" and that a Sunday Times report claiming a proposed agreement had been reached on future customs arrangements at the Ireland-Northern Ireland border was "speculation."

However, U.K. and EU officials have said in recent days that a deal is getting closer and could be sealed this month.

May's deputy, David Lidington, said Friday that negotiators were "very close" to an agreement. Irish Deputy Prime Minister Simon Coveney said "I think it is possible to get a deal in November."

Britain is due to leave the EU on March 29, but London and Brussels have not reached an agreement on their divorce terms and a smooth transition to a new relationship. The stalemate has heightened fears that the U.K. might leave without a deal in place, leading to chaos at ports and economic turmoil.

An October EU summit that had been billed as the deadline for a breakthrough ended with the talks still deadlocked.

The key obstacle is the Irish border, which will be the U.K.'s only land frontier with the EU after Brexit. Britain and the EU agree there must be no customs posts or other barriers that could disrupt businesses and residents on either side or undermine Northern Ireland's hard-won peace process.

But the two sides have not agreed on how to do that. Britain rejected the EU's proposal—to keep Northern Ireland in a customs union with the bloc—because it would impose new customs and regulatory checks between Northern Ireland and the rest of the U.K.

Overdrive

AUTO REVIEW

2018 Porsche Panamera Turbo S E-Hybrid. TNS

NUTS & BOLTS

2018 Panamera Turbo S E-Hybrid Sport Turismo

- **Times' take:** The world's best hybrid sports sedan
- **Highs:** Sleek design, super power
- **Lows:** Driver aids clunky, especially at this price
- **Vehicle type:** Four-door, four-passenger touring car
- **Base price:** $189,450
- **Price as tested:** $212,460
- **Powertrain:** Four-liter V-8 gasoline engine; 100-kW electric motor
- **Transmission:** Eight-speed automatic
- **Horsepower:** 680
- **Torque:** 626 pound-feet
- **EPA fuel economy rating:** NA miles per gallon city / NA highway / 21 combined

Porsche's Panamera E-Hybrid isn't going to solve global warming.

But it's a fast, nimble performer

By CHARLES FLEMING
LOS ANGELES TIMES

One of my wisecracking friends, always ready with a snarky remark, smirked as I drove up in the new Panamera E-Hybrid. "Congratulations," he said. "You're reversing global climate change, one Porsche at a time, by driving a plug-in hybrid."

He was missing the point. The E-Hybrid, particularly the turbocharged version I was driving, is not about the environment. It's about performance.

Though it's disguised as a family car, and advertised as a fuel-efficient plug-in, the true character of the Panamera Turbo S E-Hybrid Sport Turismo emerges when the car is in hybrid or sport mode and the accelerator is stomped.

That engages both the 4-liter turbocharged V-8 engine and the 100-kW electric motor, which together put power to all four wheels and produce 680 horsepower and 626 pound-feet of torque. (The electric motor contributes 136 horsepower to that, and 136 pound-feet of torque.)

That means zero to 60 mph in a reported 3.2 seconds—and a top track speed of 192 mph.

Depending on whom you ask, the Panamera is either a sedan, a sport wagon or a station wagon. It does have four doors and offers comfortable seating for four adults and room in the hatchback rear for their luggage. A five-passenger seating arrangement is optional.

It doesn't do some of what a "shooting brake" or station wagon should. The storage area has 49 cubic feet of cargo room, but felt cramped. I would have hesitated to fold the seats down and make room for a bicycle or a brace of snowboards.

But it does drive well. On the road, it feels like a large sports car, dancing like a large person whose nimble feet aren't aware of how much weight they're supporting.

In fact, it feels like a wide, heavy 911 — because it is. The Panamera sits 2 inches wider and 20 inches longer, and weighs almost 1,500 pounds more, than a comparably equipped 911 Turbo S.

It behaves quite similarly too. The eight-speed PDK double-clutch transmission shifts seamlessly on its own, or can be manipulated with paddle shifters. A mode switch set inside the steering wheel, like the manettino on a Ferrari, allows the driver to choose among all-electric, hybrid and two sport settings.

Around town, the all-electric setting made for a sleek, silent ride, with up to 14 miles of range before the battery required recharging. (It takes about three hours to restore the battery again on a 240-volt system.) This stealth mode won't wake the neighbors.

On a road trip to Santa Barbara, the hybrid mode proved a pleasant choice for cruising up Pacific Coast Highway, allowing the car to decide when to switch between the gasoline engine and the "e-machine" electric motor, and when to use both at the same time.

On the twisty San Marcos Pass above Santa Barbara, Sport and Sport Plus settings seemed optimal, engaging the gasoline engine and e-machine simultaneously for maximum power while also adjusting transmission shift points, stiffening the suspension and increasing the exhaust roar.

Over the San Marcos crest, the Panamera looked right at home among the sports cars and superbikes parked at the legendary Cold Spring Tavern.

The handling is Porsche-grade delightful. Air suspension, all-wheel drive, traction management, 21-inch wheels and huge 420-millimeter ceramic brake calipers are standard equipment on this trim level.

The Panamera's 21-gallon gas tank, along with the hybrid technology, made the trip up the coast and back a single-tank excursion. In the four days I drove the car, in fact, I didn't go to a gas station or plug in to recharge the electric motor.

Porsche year-to-date sales are strong, up 3 percent over the same period in 2017. The company's top seller is, by far, the Macan SUV, followed in descending numbers by the 911, the Cayenne and the Panamera.

But while Cayenne numbers have fallen in the last year, Panamera numbers are rising—partly because of the hybrid offerings. The company reports that 60 percent of all Panameras sold in recent months have been hybrids.

Why aren't sales higher? The Panamera may be suffering from a design hangover. Many who remember the first iterations of the car found it ungainly or downright ugly. After the 2010 introduction, and despite a 2013 face-lift, some Porsche fans still remember the awkward rear end that made it the automotive equivalent of a reverse mullet haircut—a party in the front, but all business in the back.

Quite a few of those early versions are still on the road, which may prevent consumers from appreciating the newer, sleeker models.

The back has been lowered and narrowed, so the car looks less like an AMC Pacer and more like a Ferrari FF. Now it can boast, with dimensions to back it up, that it's a real sports car, but with more cargo area.

Though I liked the look and the drive feel, I wasn't wild about all aspects of the Panamera. I was not impressed by Porsche's InnoDrive adaptive cruise control function, part of a $5,370 tech option, which felt far clumsier than comparable systems on a number of other luxury vehicles.

The automated braking and accelerating, designed both to prevent accidents and to allow the driver to relax in stop-and-go traffic, were jangled and jerky, as if the car were always figuring out a little too late that it was time to slow down or speed up.

But this was a minor point, and did not overshadow my enjoyment of the vehicle. My principal complaint, as with many cars of this caliber, is the MSRP. At just over $200,000, loaded with options such as rear-axle steering, massage seats and sport exhaust, this vehicle is for one-percenters only.

Under the Hood: The mysterious wet bolt

Q The friends we travel with just had a shackle bolt fail on their fifth wheel trailer and it could have been pretty catastrophic. The mobile repair guy installed a new bolt and shackle and told us we both should look into "wet bolts" What are these?

— Don

A Shackles and bolts attach the leaf springs of a trailer to the frame. Shackles are short metal plates with a bolt hole at each end that connects one end of the leaf spring either to an equalizer (tandem axles) or the frame. The bolts and shackle work together to allow a pivoting action so the leaf spring can change length as it compresses and rebounds. Leaf spring eyes are larger in diameter than the bolts, allowing a bushing to be used to mitigate friction. Original equipment bushings are typically nylon. In time the bushing wears, the holes in the shackles can elongate and the bolts may wear thinner and potentially fail.

Wet bolts are shackle bolts with a small internal passage and a Zerk fitting threaded into the bolt head. A bronze bushing is used instead of the nylon, and the assembly can be lubricated using a grease gun. This is a big improvement in friction reduction, and long-lasting, as long as the bolt is of high quality. If renewing these parts it's not a bad idea to upgrade the shackles to thicker/beefier versions and remember to apply lubricant periodically. I would go with parts sold by a company such as E-trailer rather than looking for something inexpensive on Amazon.

UNDER THE HOOD

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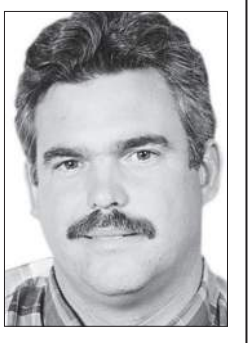

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Life & Style

Camila Cabello wins best artist and best song at MTV EMAs

BILBAO, Spain (AP)—Cuban-American singer Camila Cabello was the big winner at the MTV EMAs gala in Spain on Sunday, while Janet Jackson used her acceptance speech for a life-time achievement award to take a stand for women's rights.

Jackson was honored with the Global Icon Award for her four-decade, 11-album career that started when she was a child growing up in the family that also produced her music legend brother, Michael, and The Jackson Five.

The 52-year-old Jackson showed she still has her dance moves while performing a medley of "Made for Now," ″All for You" and "Rhythm Nation" while accompanied by African drummers and torchbearers. She later said her award came with a responsibility.

"Tonight I feel moved to speak for those women whose voices have been stifled," she said. "I am one of those voices, women who have been gagged, literally and emotionally, women who have been abused, women who have been intimidated, women who have lived in fear, I stand with you.

"Tonight I carry the hope that a new world is emerging. Women, our voices will be heard!"

Other than Jackson's call for gender equality, the show was all about the dazzle provided by the costumes, choreography and the elaborate light and video displays on the huge circular stage.

With pop star Ariana Grande shut out despite her five nominations, Cabello was the undisputed star of the night.

The 21-year-old Cabello beat out Grande, Drake, Dua Lipa and Post Malone for best artist, while her sultry hit "Havana" took the trophy for best song and best video. She also topped the category for best act.

Last year, Cabello won the award for best pop artist at the edition held in London. Born in Havana before her family left for Miami, Cabello was discovered on the U.S. version of X-Factor and formed a part of the group Fifth Harmony.

The 25th edition of the awards, formerly known as the as the MTV Europe Music Awards, was as usual loaded with eye-catching performances, as well as references to Bilbao's links to the art world, first and foremost thanks to the city's Guggenheim Museum.

Host Hailee Steinfeld opened the show with a video sketch featuring her breaking into an art gallery to "steal" one of the MTV trophies, only to then emerge on stage in a tiny silver dress. Several costume changes later, she became a "work of art," in her words, when she donned a long white dress and was sprayed with blue and yellow paint.

With $50M debut, 'Bohemian Rhapsody' is no poor boy

NEW YORK (AP)—The Freddie Mercury biopic "Bohemian Rhapsody" and 20th Century Fox are—for now, at least—champions of the world.

"Bohemian Rhapsody," starring Rami Malek as the late Queen frontman, shrugged off production troubles and mediocre reviews to debut with $50 million in weekend ticket sales in U.S. and Canada, and another $72.5 million internationally, according to studio estimates Sunday. That was well beyond expectations, which had pegged the film closer to $35-40 million in its opening weekend.

But audiences rushed to theaters to see the widely praised performance by Malek, the "Mr. Robot" star, and to hear Queen's foot-stomping anthems like "We are the Champions," "Another One Bites the Dust" and the operatic title song. The movie, which Bryan Singer directed before being replaced by Dexter Fletcher, at times has an almost concert-like feel, including a lengthy re-creation of the band's 1985 Live Aid performance.

"It really is a celebration of Queen and their music, and I think we did a really good job of letting people know that that's what this is," said Chris Aronson, distribution chief for Fox.

In soaring to No. 1, the Fox release trounced one from Disney, which will soon own the studio. Despite a production budget of $125 million, the Walt Disney Co.'s lavish, big-budget "The Nutcracker and the Four Realms" opened with just $20 million. Disney is set to merge with Fox in the coming months, effectively ending the 103-year-old Fox, one of Hollywood's six major studios.

"We were hoping for a stronger start, but we do think it's a film that people will find as we head into the holidays," said Cathleen Taff, head of theatrical distribution for Disney.

Though Disney's record of success is the envy of Hollywood, "The Nutcracker and the Four Realms" marks the studio's third misfire this year following the underperforming "A Wrinkle in Time" and "Solo." The studio's CGI-stuffed resurrection of E.T.A. Hoffmann story was positioned as an early holiday season release, but flopped with critics (34 percent "fresh" on Rotten Tomatoes) and sparked only modest interest from audiences. It grossed $38.5 million overseas.

"Bohemian Rhapsody," made for $52 million, was largely dismissed by critics as an overly conventional rock biopic (60 percent "fresh" on Rotten Tomatoes). But the film proved more popular with moviegoers, who gave the PG-13 release, produced by Graham King, an A CinemaScore and 4 1/2 stars out of five on Comscore's PostTrak audience survey.

1. "**Bohemian Rhapsody**," $50 million ($72.5 million international).
2. "**The Nutcracker and the Four Realms**," $20 million ($38.5 million international).
3. "**Nobody's Fool**," $14 million ($265,000 international).
4. "**A Star Is Born**," $11.1 million ($13.9 million international).
5. "**Halloween**," $11 million ($18.3 million international).
6. "**Venom**," $7.9 million ($15.6 million international).
7. "**Smallfoot**," $3.8 million ($12.1 million international).
8. "**Goosebumps 2**," $3.7 million ($9 million international).
9. "**Hunter Killer**," $3.5 million ($3.3 million international).
10. "**The Hate U Give**," $3.4 million.

"Even in the negativity that came out of critics, there was always a 'but,' almost universally: 'But Rami is great,'" noted Aronson. "I'm very happy for Graham and Rami and the entire filmmaking team. And I'm happy for the home team. This is a big win for Fox."

Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for Comscore, praised Fox's rollout of the film as "pitch perfect." Dergarabedian also cited Malek's breakout big-screen performance and the sustained interest in all things musical at the box office. Musically based films have lately been major draws in theaters, from Fox's own "The Greatest Showman" earlier in the year to Warner Bros. Oscar favorite "A Star Is Born," which collected another $11.1 million in its fifth weekend for $165.6 million overall.

"It seems that audiences can't get enough of movies that have music baked into their DNA," Dergarabedian said. "That's proving to be a very successful formula."

Another winning formula—Tiffany Haddish plus anything—came up short over the weekend.

"Nobody's Fool," which paired Haddish with another box-office force in writer-director-producer Tyler Perry, opened in third with a so-so $14 million. While far from disastrous for a movie that cost $19 million to make, the muted performance of "Nobody's Fool" seemed likely a result of oversaturation. Two films starring Haddish—"Night School" and "The Oath"—have opened in the past six weeks, and "Night School" is still No. 12 at the box office.

In limited release, Joel Edgerton's acclaimed gay conversion therapy drama "Boy Erased," starring Lucas Hedges, opened with a strong per-theater average of $44,000 in five theaters.

Matthew Heineman's "A Private War," starring Rosamund Pike as war correspondent Marie Colvin, opened in four theaters with a per-theater average of $18,000.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday also are included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

+Mary Fhel Dean T. Torres

Born on January 27, 1991 – Passed away in the grace of our Lord on October 30, 2018

In her new life, she now joins her:
Maternal Grandparent: †Otilia Finona

Her spirit and memories will forever live in the hearts of her:
Husband: Jeremy Jack R. Torres
Children: Cassandra, Micheal, Khyle, and Justin Jack T. Torres
Parents: Corazon Dean & Dante Villa
Father: Alberto Torres
Father in law: Jack Walter S. Torres
Parents in law: Jennette Rivera & Joey Francisco
Siblings: Descery & Dave Ron Cano and Children
Ayien Dean
Mark Anthony & Alyssa Gabino and Children
Sister in law: Tiana T. & Patrick Lizama and Children
Paternal Grandparents: Evelyn S. and Bertran A. Torres
Maternal Grandparents: †Otilia Finona and Chang Ki Bang
David Rivera and Jacquelin Blas

Mary Fhel will also be greatly missed by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, Godchildren, and close friends.

On Wednesday, November 7, 2018, viewing at the CHCC chapel will be held at 8:30 a.m. followed by rosary at 9:00 a.m. and responso services at 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. at the Kristo Rai Church, followed by Interment Services at the Tanapag Cemetery where she will be laid to peaceful rest.

Please join us in prayers,
Thank you – Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Jeremy Jack R. Torres, Children, and Family

Writer Haruki Murakami plans archive at Japanese university

TOKYO (AP)—Haruki Murakami is planning an archive at his Japanese alma mater that will include drafts of his best-selling novels, his translation work and his massive collection of music, a personal passion that has been a key part of his stories.

"I'm more than happy if those materials can contribute in any way for those who want to study my works," the Japanese writer said at a news conference with officials at Waseda University, where the library and archive will be housed.

"I hope it would be a place for cultural exchanges with positive and open atmosphere," Murakami said.

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Japanese novelist Haruki Murakami poses for photographers during a press conference at Waseda University in Tokyo Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018.

Now 69 and one of the world's most popular and acclaimed novelists, Murakami began writing after graduating from Waseda in 1975, while running a jazz bar in Tokyo. His debut, "Hear the Wind Sing," came out in 1979, and the 1987 romantic novel "Norwegian Wood" was his first best-seller, establishing him as a young literary star. His latest novel, "Killing Commendatore," recently hit U.S. bookstores.

Media-shy Murakami said Sunday's event was his first formal news conference at home in 37 years. Though he interacted with fans on several occasions this year, including hosting his radio programs twice and appearing before fans at a book event in New York, Murakami on Sunday agreed to pose only for still cameras.

The archive project emerged earlier this year when Murakami offered to donate his collection of materials, which has grown so much over the past 40 years that he was running out of storage space at his home and office.

"I have no children to take care of them and I didn't want those resources to be scattered and lost when I die," he said. "I'm grateful that I can keep them in an archive."

Waseda officials said details were still being worked out but a partial archive would start in 2019. University president Kaoru Kamata said he wants to make the library a must-see place for Murakami fans and researchers of Japanese culture and literature from around the world.

Initial archives would include drafts of "Norwegian Wood" that he wrote by hand on notebooks while traveling in Europe, as well as his own translations of novels written by his favorite authors including Raymond Carver, J.D. Salinger and Scott Fitzgerald.

Murakami professionally translates English-language novels into Japanese, but he says he enjoys that so much it's almost his hobby rather than work. He said translation has given him different perspectives and made a big difference to what he writes.

"I strongly feel that translation work has helped me grow. I might have suffocated if I had remained only in the Japanese literature," he said.

Murakami said he wants to see the library to stimulate interaction and cultural exchanges among students, scholars and others interested in his books and Japanese literature.

Ideally, he said he wants to make it a place like his study, where he writes stories while listening to his choice of music of the day, and possibly have a concert sometimes.

He said the library and archive will develop in the years to come as he brings in more materials.

"I'm still alive and I have to use some of them," Murakami said.

Longoria, Ferrera, Saldana and more rally for Latino votes

MIAMI (AP)—Eva Longoria, Rosario Dawson, Zoe Saldana, America Ferrera and Gina Rodriguez took to the streets of Miami, leading hundreds of people while chanting "Si se puede" or "Yes we can" in attempt to rally people to vote ahead of Election Day.

While the actresses were looking to improve voter turnout overall, they were specifically targeting the Latino community on Sunday as they marched down in Little Havana.

"This cause of getting people out to vote is one of the most important things we can do as citizens," Longoria told The Associated Press in an interview earlier in the day. "It's our job."

"We're not out here as celebrities or actors or our professions," said Ferrera. "I'm the daughter of immigrants, I am a true blue American, I bleed red white and blue."

The group came together not only at the rally, but at a studio earlier also to film spots for various candidates. While the actresses are known for their Democratic leanings, they insisted the purpose was to get everyone engaged.

"I vote as an American and I'm out here rallying my fellow Americans to get out their vote because when we show up, our democracy will work better for us," Ferrera said

The Latino vote is expected to be key in several races across the country. The actresses acknowledged that the bloc is not a monolith in terms of its ethnic makeup or its political affiliation.

"We're Mexican, Dominican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, but we have way more similarities than we do differences," Longoria said. "For me it's about finding that common ground, and not just with Latinos, but Americans."

Added Saldana: "I think it is our duty to find our similarities, which are our great strengths, bind them together and use them as one voice to speak to the American public about the importance of representation."

Dawson acknowledged that many Americans are dispirited by the tone of politics and may avoid the polls. She said she's trying to encourage people despite the rhetoric of the day: "It's so disgusting and it's so disenchanting and disheartening."

Still, she said she is undeterred.

"I have a 15 year old," Dawson said. "She doesn't listen, she emulates, and if mom sits this one out, what is that really conveying to her?

Candidate chides Pete Davidson of 'SNL' over eyepatch joke

HOUSTON (AP)—A Texas Republican congressional candidate has chided "Saturday Night Live" comic Pete Davidson for poking fun at the eyepatch he wears because he was badly wounded during his third tour in Afghanistan as a Navy SEAL.

Davidson said during Saturday's "Weekend Update" segment that Dan Crenshaw, whose photo was displayed, was "kinda cool" but that viewers might be "surprised he's a congressional candidate from Texas and not a hit man in a porno movie." He added, "I'm sorry, I know he lost his eye in war or whatever."

Crenshaw, who is running against Democrat Todd Litton for an open suburban Houston district seat, replied in a tweet on Sunday, saying: "Good rule in life: I try hard not to offend; I try harder not to be offended. That being said, I hope @nbcsnl recognizes that vets don't deserve to see their wounds used as punchlines for bad jokes."

Eating leftovers becomes bone of contention at family dinners

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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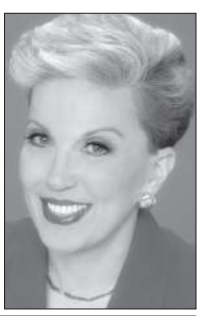

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have three teenagers—18, 16 and 14. My wife cooks for them every day or buys them fast food. I always eat leftovers, which the fridge is full of. Our children refuse to eat leftovers or cook for themselves, and they insist on having a freshly cooked meal every day.

Occasionally, my wife needs to work late and asks me to buy fast food for the children. I respond that I'll gladly cook for them or buy them fast food, but first they have to finish the leftovers in the fridge. My wife gets upset and accuses me of not caring about our children. Who is right?

LEFTOVERS IN THE EAST

DEAR LEFTOVERS: I have a news flash for you. At the ages of 18, 16 and 14, your kids are no longer children; they are teenagers approaching adulthood. Rather than act like pushovers, you and your wife should be teaching them how to cook—a skill they'll need if they are going to live healthy lives in the future.

Yes, they should finish the leftovers. Leftovers are usually better the second time around because the flavors have had more time to meld. No, they shouldn't be having fast food instead. If you and your wife care about your progeny, start assigning each of them an evening in which they prepare at least one dish, while you make sure they know how to do it. Stop arguing and start parenting!

DEAR ABBY: My fiance dumped me three months ago. We were together 4 1/2 years and engaged for almost a year. He started dating someone else the day after he broke up with me. He said it was because we had nothing in common anymore, and he no longer liked talking to me or touching me. We were engaged! He waited all that time to decide he no longer loves me?

How do I deal with my heartbreak and build myself back up again? And why in the world would he be dating someone new a day later? I don't want him back. As far as I'm concerned, he's a jerk, and I'll be better off without him. I just want to know how to deal with the confusion I have.

HEARTBROKEN AND CONFUSED

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Things don't always turn out the way we plan. I know you are hurting, and I am sorry. Start handling your heartbreak by being grateful you didn't devote even more time to a person who would treat you this way.

And to answer your question about how he could begin dating someone a day after he broke up with you, it's because he had his eye on her before ending the romance with you. If you think he has caught the brass ring this time around, think again. Few "frying pan into the fire" relationships are lasting ones. Consider this a new beginning and start living your life.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

The question now that really vexes
Is where we're gonna place our "X"es
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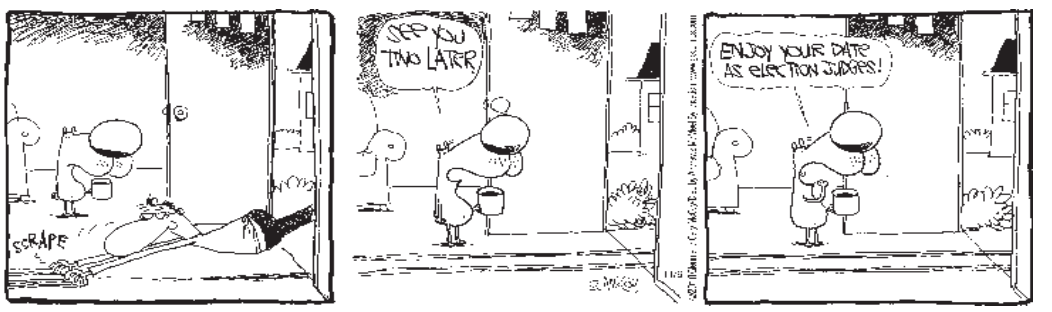

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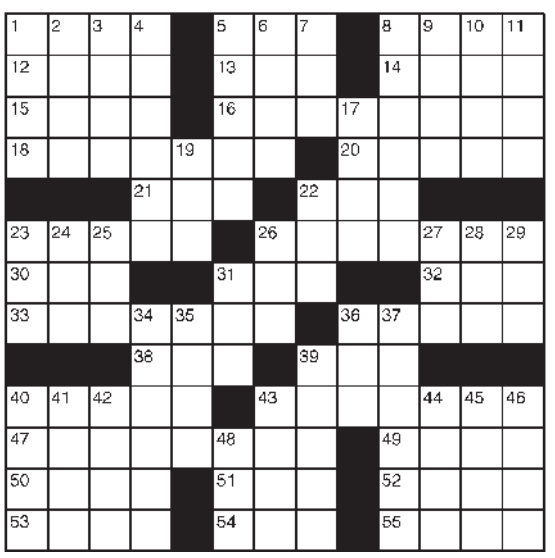

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ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Look at every detail, and don't take shortcuts. A risk can leave you in a vulnerable position. Be clear about what you want and what you are willing to do. Take control instead of letting someone else determine your fate. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Embrace change. You can get ahead if you size up, evaluate and make a move. Don't let what others do hold you back. Look at the possibilities and act. What you decide to do will make a difference. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Speak up and ask questions if you want to find out the truth. Do your due diligence if something doesn't add up. Go directly to the source and question every detail. A partnership should be re-evaluated if you question its fairness. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Don't hesitate to join in. If you don't voice your opinion, you cannot bring about positive change. Get involved in events that are sponsored by a group you know and trust. An opportunity will develop based on the information you share. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Keep an open mind and look at all the possibilities. Maintain simplicity, moderation and doing what you can to get the most for the least. Your ability to negotiate will be key in getting what you want. Personal improvements are encouraged. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Don't speak out of turn or trust or believe everything you are told. Proper protocol will be necessary if you want to reach an understanding with those you deal with today. A change someone suggests should be considered. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Emotional matters will surface regarding personal situations you face with a partner or those you live with. Consider the best way to calm the situation in order to move forward. An act of good faith will help. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Take a step forward and voice your opinion. Listen to what's said and determine whether you are heading in the same direction as those you associate with. Make a choice that will lead to personal change, a healthier lifestyle and new beginnings. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Stick to your script. If you reveal private information or fabricate a story or situation, you will end up looking bad in front of someone you respect. Be cautious when faced with change. Don't be a follower; do your own thing. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Get ready to make a change. Consider your options and strike while the iron is hot. You can improve your work relationships or change them altogether. Don't sit still when you should be pushing for new beginnings. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Don't overreact, regardless of what others do or say. Emotions will flare up easily, and if expressed to the wrong people, will end up leaving you in a vulnerable position. Listen, observe and calculate your next move in silence. ✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Take hold of whatever situation you face, and make the necessary changes to bring about positive change. Double-check any shared information for mistakes before you repeat what's transpired. Truth comes first and foremost. A partnership faces change. ✪✪✪✪✪

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Antetokounmpo posts a triple-double in win vs Kings

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Giannis Antetokounmpo is taking his game to another level.

He had his second triple-double this season with 26 points, 15 rebounds and 11 assists to help the Milwaukee Bucks rout the Sacramento Kings 144-109 on Sunday.

"A great win for the team," Antetokounmpo said, deflecting any sense of personal satisfaction. "When I drove the ball, they were wide open. I passed it, and they knocked down everything."

The Bucks improved to 8-1—the best nine-game start in franchise history. They set a season high for points in a game and also set the franchise record for 3s made with 22.

Coach Mike Budenholzer was happy his team followed Antetokounmpo's lead.

"Hopefully, one of the keys to Giannis being great is everybody around him being great," the Bucks first-year coach said. "We can also talk about a lot of other guys who played well, too. So, that's a great sign for Giannis and a great sign for us."

Seven other Bucks were in double figures. Eric Bledsoe scored 17, Ersan Ilyasova 15, Malcolm Brogdon and Pat Connaughton each had 13, Tony Snell and Khris Middleton each had 12 and John Henson 10.

"Coach Bud (head coach Mike Budenholzer) wants me to make plays and find them," Antetokounmpo said. "That is what I am going to keep doing. It feels great."

Antetokounmpo completed the triple-double with his 10th assist when he found Connaughton in the corner for 3 and a 108-82 lead as time expired in the third quarter. Antetokounmpo finally went to the bench with 7:48 left in the fourth and the Bucks comfortably ahead 118-90.

He pushed the lead to 78-54 with two thunderous dunks seconds apart in the third quarter. He slammed one home and then dunked again on a pass from Middleton after a turnover by De'Aaron Fox on the Kings' ensuing possession.

Antetokounmpo's first triple-double came against the Philadelphia 76ers on Oct. 24th when he had 32 points, 18 rebounds and 10 assists.

Raptors 121, Lakers 107

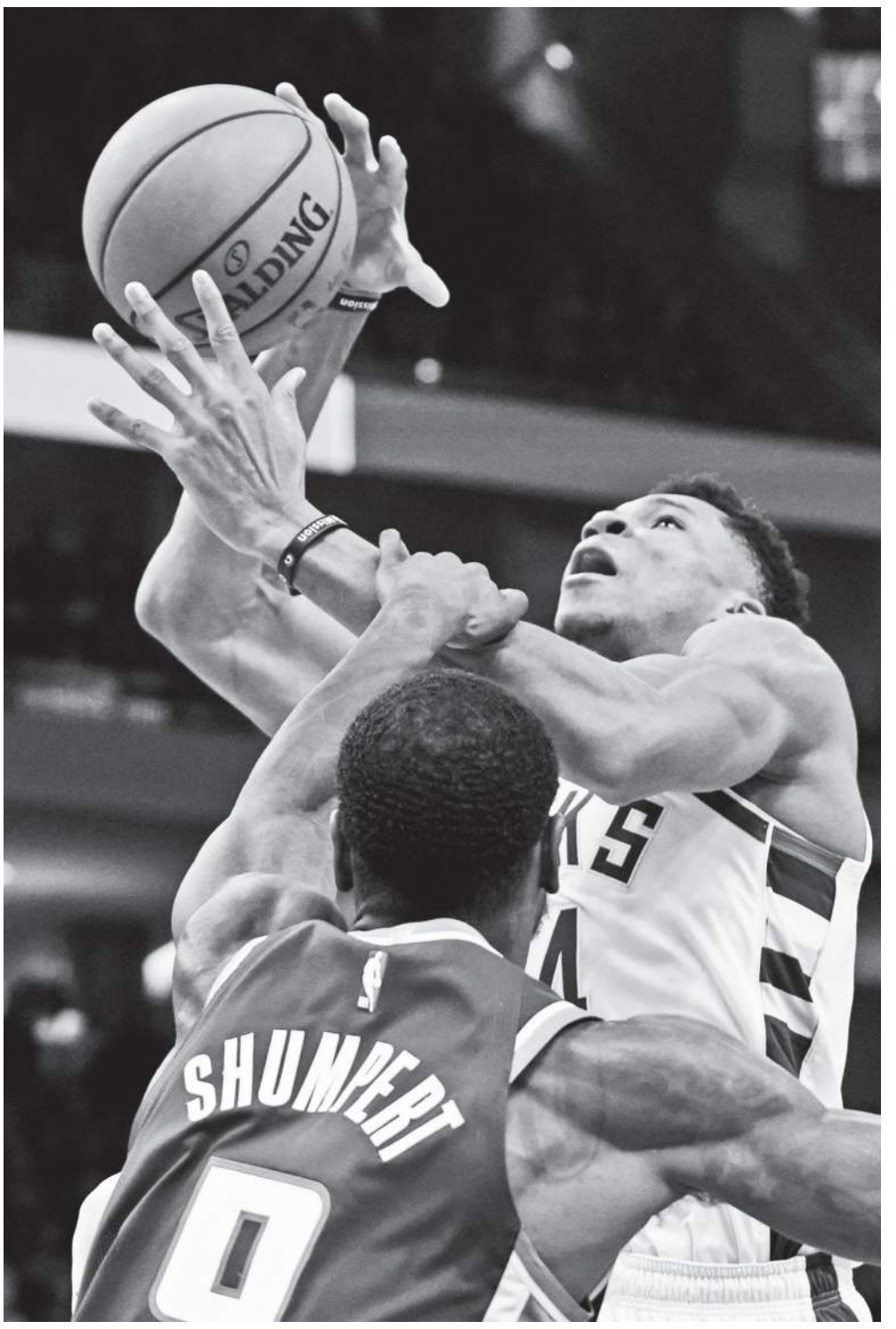
In Los Angeles, Serge Ibaka made his first 14 shots on the way to a career-high 34 points, and the Toronto Raptors didn't need an injured Kawhi Leonard to beat the Los Angeles Lakers.

Ibaka had 10 rebounds and didn't miss a shot until 5:16 remained in the third quarter, finishing 15 of 17 in a masterful performance. Kyle Lowry added 21 points and 15 assists as the Eastern Conference-leading Raptors improved to 9-1 with their eighth consecutive win over the Lakers since 2014.

Toronto opened a stunning 31-point lead in the first quarter and didn't let it dwindle significantly until the final minutes, when the Lakers' youngster got the margin down to 117-107 with LeBron James on the bench. Toronto was forced to re-insert its starters in the final minutes to preserve the win.

Nets 122, 76ers 97

D'Angelo Russell snapped out of a slump with 13 of his 21 points in the second half, and the Brooklyn Nets kept the sloppy Philadelphia 76ers winless on the road.



The Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo is fouled by Sacramento Kings' Iman Shumpert during the second half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018, in Milwaukee. AP

The 76ers committed 28 turnovers, most in the NBA this season, leading to 39 points for the Nets. They fell to 0-5 away from home. They are 6-0 in Philadelphia.

Rondae Hollis-Jefferson also scored 21 points and Caris LeVert had 20 for the Nets. They took a small lead into halftime thanks to 17 Philadelphia turnovers, then blew it open with a 41-point third quarter that was one of the biggest in Barclays Center history.

Wizards 108, Knicks 95

John Wall scored 26 points and Bradley Beal added 22 as Washington snapped a five-game losing streak, at Washington.

Markieff Morris had 16 points and Jeff Green added 14 for Washington, which won for the second time in nine games.

The Knicks, who fell to 3-7, were led by Enes Kanter's 18 points and 12 rebounds. Trey Burke had 13 points.

Magic 117, Spurs 110

Aaron Gordon scored 26 points and Orlando held on to beat San Antonio after nearly blowing a 26-point lead with 9 minutes remaining, at San Antonio.

D.J Augustin added 18 points for Orlando, which scored a season high and hit 12 3-pointers.

DeMar DeRozan had 25 points as San Antonio's four-game winning streak came to an end on the second night of a back-to-back.

Suns 102, Grizzlies 100

Devin Booker's 17-foot jumper with 1.7 seconds left capped a fourth-quarter comeback as Phoenix snapped a seven-game losing streak, at Phoenix.

Booker scored 14 of his game high 25 points in the final period as Phoenix rallied from 12 points down. Trevor Ariza added 16 points and nine rebounds, and rookie Mikal Bridges scored nine of his 14 points in the fourth quarter.

Shelvin Mack's season-high 21 points led the Grizzlies.

Woodward hired as Rangers manager after 3 years with Dodgers

ARLINGTON (AP)—Los Angeles Dodgers third base coach Chris Woodward was hired as manager of the Texas Rangers on Saturday, six weeks after Jeff Banister was fired.

He received a three-year contract with a club option for 2022. He will be introduced at a news conference Monday.

Woodward inherits a team that went 67-95 and finished last in the AL West, with the focus turning to the development of younger players. Texas had its first consecutive losing seasons since 2005-08.

The hiring ended a process during which general manager Jon Daniels and the Rangers interviewed more than 10 candidates, including bench coach Don Wakamatsu after he served as interim coach the final 10 games of the season.

Woodward was interviewed this week after the Dodgers finished their second straight season in which they advanced to the World Series, losing both times. The last team before Los Angeles that appeared in consecutive World Series without winning the title was Texas in 2010 and 2011.

"We interviewed a number of strong candidates during an extensive interview process for our managerial role and believe we have found the right fit in Chris Woodward," Daniels said in a statement released by the team. "We look forward to working with him and everyone on the baseball staff to develop and grow a culture that will lead to success for many years to come."

Daniels has hired three managers in his 13 seasons as the Rangers GM, and all were first-time MLB managers. Texas won its only American League pennants during Ron Washington's eight seasons before Banister won two AL West titles in his four seasons.

Two candidates Texas interviewed were hired last month as managers by other teams, David Bell in Cincinnati and Rocco Baldelli in Minnesota. The hiring of Woodward left the Baltimore Orioles, who fired Buck Showalter after the season, as the only MLB team with a managerial vacancy.

The 42-year-old Woodward spent the past three years on the staff of manager Dave Roberts, after working for Seattle the previous three years. He started his coaching career as minor league infield coordinator for the Mariners in 2013, then joined their big league staff later that year. He was Seattle's infield coach in 2014 and the first base coach in 2015.

Red Sox get 3 Gold Glove winners

BOSTON (AP)—Mookie Betts and the Boston Red Sox just keep winning.

Betts, Jackie Bradley Jr. and Ian Kinsler won Gold Gloves for the World Series champion Red Sox on Sunday night, and the Atlanta Braves also were recognized for their fielding excellence this season.

The 26-year-old Betts won for the third straight year. He also is a top contender for the AL MVP award.

Kinsler got his second Gold Glove at second base, and Bradley won for the first time in center. Teammate Andrew Benintendi also was nominated, but Kansas City Royals left fielder Alex Gordon took home his sixth Gold Glove instead.

Atlanta added three Gold Gloves to its surprise NL East title this season. Freddie Freeman and Cubs slugger Anthony Rizzo tied for the award at first base, and center fielder Ender Inciarte and right fielder Nick Markakis also were honored for the Braves.

It's the third straight Gold Glove for Inciarte. Markakis won for the first time in the NL and third time overall, ending Jason Heyward's run of four in a row.

Oakland, Colorado and Arizona each had two Gold Glove winners in the infield.

First baseman Matt Olson and third baseman Matt Chapman were recognized for the Athletics, and second baseman D.J. LeMahieu and third baseman Nolan Arenado won for the Rockies. Diamondbacks pitcher Zack Greinke got his fifth consecutive Gold Glove award, and teammate Nick Ahmed won for the first time at shortstop.

St. Louis catcher Yadier Molina took home his ninth Gold Glove, but his first since 2015. It was a similar situation at catcher in the AL, with Salvador Perez winning for Kansas City for the fifth time after he was unseated by Martin Maldonado last year.

Pittsburgh left fielder Corey Dickerson rounds out the NL winners. Houston pitcher Dallas Keuchel and Los Angeles Angels shortstop Andrelton Simmons also won in the AL.

Brees, Saints hand Rams first loss of season

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Michael Thomas caught a late 72-yard touchdown reception and then celebrated with a cellphone in a throwback to another famous New Orleans play, and the streaking Saints handed the Los Angeles Rams their first loss of the season with a 45-35 win on Sunday.

Drew Brees passed for 346 yards and four touchdowns in New Orleans' seventh straight win, and Thomas finished with a club-record 211 yards receiving. But what happened after their last connection of the day really stole the show in a wild shootout between two of the NFL's best offenses.

Thomas' long TD came on a pivotal third-down play with about four minutes to go, when the Rams seemed to expect the Saints to run a play closer to the first-down marker. Thomas ran free behind Marcus Peters, caught Brees' long throw virtually in stride and ran straight to the goal post, where he got out an old-school flip phone —reminiscent of Joe Horn's Sunday night TD celebration in 2003.

Thomas, who caught 12 passes, eclipsed Wes Chandler's club record of 205 yards receiving against Atlanta in 1979.

New Orleans running back Alvin Kamara scored three times, twice on runs and once on a 16-yard catch-and-run—all in the first half.

The Rams (8-1) very nearly pulled off an extraordinary comeback in the Superdome, where the crowd was revved up after New Orleans (7-1) raced to a three-touchdown lead late in the first half.

AP

New Orleans Saints fullback Zach Line (42) lunges for the end zone as he is stopped short by Los Angeles Rams inside linebacker Cory Littleton (58) in the first half of an NFL football game in New Orleans, Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018.

Patriots 31, Packers 17

Tom Brady threw for 294 yards and a touchdown, and James White ran for two scores to lead New England past Aaron Rodgers and Green Bay.

The Patriots improved to 7-2 with their sixth straight victory.

Rodgers completed 24 of 43 passes and two touchdowns in his second career matchup with Brady.

It was 17-all late in the third quarter when Aaron Jones fumbled for Green Bay (3-4-1).

New England receiver Julian Edelman hit White on a 37-yard catch-and-run to set up White's second score, a 1-yard run. On the Patriots next possession, Brady connected with Josh Gordon for a 55-yard TD.

Gordon caught four passes for 115 yards.

Texas 19, Broncos 17

Brandon McManus missed a 51-yard field goal as time expired, leaving Demaryius Thomas a winner in his homecoming and Houston escaped Denver.

The Texans (6-3) won their sixth straight and the Broncos (3-6) lost for the sixth time in seven games.

Thomas finished with three receptions for 61 yards after being traded from Denver to Houston earlier this week, but two of them were back-to-back for 31 and 18 yards on the Texans' opening touchdown drive.

McManus' second miss of the game came after Case Keenum completed an 18-yard pass between two defenders to Emmanuel Sanders on fourth-and-8 from the Denver 45-yard line.

Steelers 23, Ravens 16

James Conner rushed for 107 yards and caught a TD pass for the visiting Steelers (5-2-1), who have won four straight since falling to the Ravens at home on Sept. 30.

Roethlisberger went 28 for 47 for 270 yards. His 1-yard run put Pittsburgh up 20-6 in the third quarter, and the 36-year-old showed his grit by missing only one play after being flattened during a sprint from the pocket with just over 13 minutes left.

The Ravens (4-5) scored only one touchdown in their third straight defeat. Joe Flacco was limited to 209 yards passing and sacked twice.

Pittsburgh opened the second half with a drive that lasted nearly seven minutes and ended with a 1-yard plunge by Roethlisberger. The conversion sailed wide to the right, keeping the score at 20-6.

Chiefs 37, Browns 21

Patrick Mahomes passed for 375 yards, threw three touchdown passes—two to Travis Kelce—and continued the best start by an NFL quarterback in 68 years as Kansas City's impossible-to-handle offense kept rolling with a win over the Browns at Cleveland, who played their first game since coach Hue Jackson's firing.

Kareem Hunt had two scoring runs and one receiving for the Chiefs (8-1), who came in averaging 36.3 points per game with an offense overloaded with weapons for Mahomes.

The 23-year-old used all of them in winning his first pro matchup against Baker Mayfield and the Browns (2-6-1).

Mahomes and Mayfield didn't match their epic college meeting in 2016, when they combined for more than 1,700 yards in offense. But the Chiefs put on another impressive offensive show with 499 total yards, averaging 8.6 per snap.

Vikings 24, Lions 9

Danielle Hunter had 3 1/2 of Minnesota's franchise-record 10 sacks and a fourth-quarter fumble return for a touchdown, making for a miserable afternoon for Matthew Stafford and the Lions, at Minneapolis.

Hunter, the fourth-year defensive end, also was credited with nine tackles and four quarterback hits as the Vikings (5-3-1) limited the Lions to 214 total yards.

The Lions had a streak of 25 consecutive games with at least 14 points stopped in humbling fashion.

Dolphins 13, Jets 6

Rookie linebacker Jerome Baker intercepted Sam Darnold and scored the only touchdown on a 25-yard return with 11 minutes left, and a resilient defense helped the Dolphins beat the Jets at Miami Gardens, Fla.

Darnold threw four interceptions and took four sacks, and the Jets went 2 for 13 on third down.

The hobbled Dolphins (5-4) endured another wave of injuries, but their defense was much improved after three consecutive poor games, with the quality of the opposition certainly a factor.

Darnold tried to rally his sputtering team from a 6-3 deficit, but following a punt he took a high snap and made an ill-advised throw to tight end Eric Tomlinson. Baker stepped in front for his first career interception and scored untouched.

Bears 41, Bills 9

Jordan Howard scored two touchdowns and the Bears' defense had two others in a win over the Bills in what proved to be another comedy of errors for Buffalo and its anemic offense, at Orchard Park, N.Y.

Eddie Jackson scored on a 65-yard fumble return and Leonard Floyd returned a tipped pass 19 yards for another score some 3 1/2 minutes apart in the second quarter. Howard, set up by Tarik Cohen's 38-yard punt return , then scored on an 18-yard scamper to cap a run in which the Bears scored four touchdowns over a span of 12 minutes, 20 seconds in the second quarter.

The Bears won their second in a row and improved to 5-3 to match their best start to a season through eight games since 2013. Chicago also matched its win total from last year.

Chicago's defense forced four takeaways, and limited the Bills to 264 yards offense despite missing star linebacker Khalil Mack, who missed his second straight game with an injury to his right ankle.

Falcons 38, Redskins 14

Julio Jones ended his 12-game touchdown drought, Matt Ryan threw for 350 yards and four scores and the Atlanta Falcons flexed their offensive muscles with a blowout of the Redskins that extended their winning streak to three games, at Landover, Md.

Jones caught seven passes for 121 yards with the biggest coming on a 35-yard screen pass with just under four minutes left that sealed the victory. After Jones twisted away from newest Washington defender Ha Ha Clinton-Dix and into the end zone, a swarm of teammates rushed over from the sideline to celebrate Jones' first touchdown catch since Nov. 26, 2017.

Ryan completed 26 of his 38 passes, including touchdown passes of 39 and 10 yards to running back Tevin Coleman and 40 to rookie receiver Calvin Ridley. Coleman ran for 80 yards and Ito Smith had 66 yards and a rushing touchdown to give the Falcons (4-4) the balanced attack they've lacked in an injury-marred season that so far has failed to live up to expectations.

Panthers 42, Buccaneers 28

Cam Newton completed 19 of 25 passes for 247 yards and two touchdowns, Christian McCaffrey racked up 157 yards from scrimmage and scored twice and the Panthers built an early lead and held on to beat the Buccaneers for their 10th straight home win.

Newton threw TD passes of 19 yards to Curtis Samuel and 17 yards to Greg Olsen, the seventh straight game he has thrown for at least two touchdowns. McCaffrey had 17 carries for 79 yards and five catches for 78 yards and turned in the play of the game when he leaped over a defender after a reception in the flat and kept going, turning it into a 32-yard gain.

The Panthers (6-2) scored touchdowns on five straight possessions during the first half to build a commanding 35-7 lead before the Buccaneers battled back to within a touchdown early in the fourth quarter behind Ryan Fitzpatrick.

Djokovic stunned by Khachanov in Paris Masters finals

PARIS (AP)—Karen Khachanov upset a tired-looking Novak Djokovic 7-5, 6-4 to win the Paris Masters title and deprive Djokovic of the chance on Sunday to match Rafael Nadal's record of 33 Masters titles.

Djokovic, a record four-time champion at the indoor event, looked out of energy after an epic three-hour semifinal win against Roger Federer on Saturday.

After also being taken to three sets by Marin Cilic in Friday's quarterfinals, Djokovic's semifinal finished at around 8 p.m. local time and he felt he was unable to recover sufficiently from that draining encounter.

"I didn't unfortunately. But I don't want to talk about that," Djokovic said. "I want to talk about how well (Khachanov) played all week and absolutely deserved to win today."

Asked again whether it was a case of emotional fatigue, after such an intense tussle with Federer, Djokovic repeated his praise for Khachanov.

"Karen played really well and he deserved to win," Djokovic said. "All the credit to him."

Although Djokovic broke in the fourth game to move 3-1 up and then led 30-0 on serve, the unseeded Khachanov broke him straight back and the momentum abruptly shifted away from Djokovic.

"I stepped in more inside the court," Khachanov said. "I started to move him and maybe he didn't expect that I could do it after being down 3-1 with a break."

Djokovic seemed agitated at times and twice turned to his box to remonstrate about an unspecified issue during the first set.

Khachanov broke for 6-5 when he hit a powerful shot down the line that Djokovic could only scoop back into the net. The Russian won the first set with a big first serve that Djokovic could not return, stretching out his racket in vain as the fizzing ball clipped the frame.

AP
Karen Khachanov of Russia celebrates after winning a point against Novak Djokovic of Serbia during their final match of the Paris Masters tennis tournament at the Bercy Arena in Paris, France, Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018.

Djokovic struggled to handle Khachanov's brutal two-handed, cross-court backhands from the baseline, which often landed near his ankles, and dropped his serve again to trail 2-1 in the second set. He had to save three more break points in the seventh game to hold for 4-3 down.

"He was playing big from the back of the court, flat backhands and forehand. He can really hurt you," Djokovic said. "His serve is really, really strong and precise."

After both players held to love, Khachanov showed no nerves—even though he was in his first Masters final—and served out the match.

He secured victory on his first match point when Djokovic chopped a backhand return wide. The imposing Khachanov thrust both his arms in the air and, moments later, knelt down to kiss the court.

"It's a breakthrough season. And this title, it's a good year-end I would say," Khachanov said. "Maybe I'm not crying, but still I'm really happy."

Djokovic will return to No. 1 in the rankings for the first time in two years on Monday, but the Serb will be disappointed at missing out on a 73rd career title, having withstood the best of Federer on Saturday.

Still, the Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion has plenty to feel good about after a 22-match winning streak, and he remains favorite for the season-ending ATP Finals in London, beginning Nov. 11.

"I'm satisfied of course and I'm going to be No. 1 tomorrow. What more can I ask for? I mean, I won 20-plus matches in a row and had a most amazing last five months," he said. "I'm getting into (the) season finale feeling good about my game."

The 22-year-old Khachanov, ranked 18th, is the first Russian to win here since Nikolay Davydenko in 2006. Marat Safin won it three times before that.

Two-time Grand Slam champion Safin won the last of his Paris Masters titles in 2004, when Khachanov was a young boy.

"I watched (Safin's) matches but later, not at the age of eight," he said. "I'm just really proud of myself that I could be in this list of winners."

Khachanov added this title to the Kremlin Cup in Moscow last month for his third title of the year and fourth overall.

He had won his previous three finals, and said his 100 percent record helped him when he stepped on court against the 14-time Grand Slam champion.

"I was thinking, 'OK, (Djokovic) has, I don't know, 70 titles and I have three,'" Khachanov said. "But 3-0, you know? So maybe it was in the back of my mind."

Balakrishna, Deleon Guerrero get SGA Ace of Aces berths

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Larry A. Deleon Guerrero and Steve Balakrishna earned slots to the 2018 Saipan Golfers Association Ace of the Aces Tournament.

Balakrishna qualified in the club championship, as he ruled the September Ace of the Month event held at the Kingfisher Golf Links, winning the tiebreak against Frank Castro. The 11-handicapper shot a 40 and 39 on the front and back nines for a net 68. Castro, who holds a 14 handicap, posted 41s on both nines for a gross 82. The 12-handicapper Jung Eun Teack rounded out the Top 3 with his 69, built around a 40 and 41 on the first and last nine holes, respectively.

In other results for the September Ace, Joe Aldan won closest to the pin honors on hole No. 6, while Das Krishan prevailed on No. 8, Juan Pan Guerrero on No. 12, and Alex Tudela on No. 15. Rick Kautz and Nick Sablan made the longest drives on No. 7 and No. 14, respectively.

Meanwhile, Deleon Guerrero secured entry to the club championship despite his runner-up finish in the SGA August Ace of the Month event held at the Marianas Country Club. He finished second to Krishnan, who already qualified for the SGA Ace of Aces after topping the June tournament.

Krishnan won the August competition after firing a net 69. The 12-handicapper had a gross 81—the same gross score that eventual third placer Kautz registered. Kautz holds a 10 handicap to end up with a net 71.

Joining Krishnan, Deleon Guerrero, and Balakrishna on the qualifiers list were Joe H. Aldan (January), Joe I. Sablan (February), Larry I. Deleon Guerrero (March), Alex Tudela (April), Kautz (May), and John "Nonni" Cruz (July).

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at the Renouf Tennis Centre in Wellington and the New Zealand Summer ITF, which will be held at the Wilding Park Tennis Centre in Chrischurch from Jan. 28 to Feb. 2.

Last month, the Commonwealth bet first played in the Auckland ITF Indoor Championships 2018 held at the Scarbro Tennis Centre in Auckland from Oct. 1 to 6. He won a pair of matches in the qualifier to make it to the main draw of the singles event. The 16-year-old swept New Zealand's Nicholas Varley, 6-0, 6-2, and also took only two sets to beat another Kiwi bet, Oscar Horslet, 6-3, 6-3.

Schorr then made it three in a row after downing Australia's Jacob Bradshaw, 6-4, 6-1, in the first round of the main draw, before falling to New Zealand's George Stoupe, 2-6, 2-6. In the doubles, the CNMI player partnered with New Zealand's Tom Downs and they lost to the latter's compatriots Kevin Fu and Sam Hodges, 4-6, 3-6.

From Auckland, Schorr went to Hamilton and saw action in the Waikato Thames Valley 18 & Under ITF—another Grade 5 event. This time, Schorr automatically made it to the main draw of the 64-player field and marched into the Round of 16 in the singles event.

He defeated New Zealand's Arjun Shah, 6-4, 6-1, and also swept Kiwi Ruben Emmerson-Hiini, 6-2, 6-1, to boost his chances for a quarterfinals berth. However, Schoor's bid for the Round of 8 slot was foiled by New Zealand's Jin Dassanayake, who labored through a 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 triumph to eliminate the CNMI junior player.

In the doubles, Schorr joined forces with Kiwi Adrian Christoff Lagman and they were pitted against the latter's compatriots Daniel Persson and Adrian Rosioru, cruising to a 6-2, 6-1 win to advance to the Round of 16. Schorr and Lagman, however, missed a quarterfinals ticket after bowing to the New Zealand duo of Patrick Joss and Matthew Shearer, 6-7 (6), 4-6.

After the two events in New Zealand, Schorr gained four ranking points in singles, bringing his total to 10. He also moved up to No. 1, 289 in the world ranking from No. 2,496 at the end of 2017. Schorr's best ranking is No. 1,268, which he got early last month.

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we aim to provide hopes and joy to the community through soccer," the NMIFA official said.

Meanwhile, national team member Jonathan Capayas said they needed to join the clean up to start something for the squad.

"We have to start somewhere to move forward and the best way to do that is help clean up the training center, which is built for us, players," Capayas said.

CNMI women's assistant coach Angie Ito, on the other hand, said getting extra help to clean the facility is a relief, not only to NMIFA staff, but also to the first ones who stepped up and tidy up the center.

"Extra hands are always a big help and this will make it easier and faster for us to recover. After the typhoon and when they found out what happened to the training center, a lot of national players are willing to help clean the facility. They wanted to give back to NMIFA, which has done everything to build this center and provide opportunities to them," Ito said.

"Cleaning up the center is also a crucial step toward having our national teams back on the pitch to train," she added.

Antetokounmpo posts a triple-double in win vs Kings

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Back to work for Schorr

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A little over a week after Super Typhoon Yutu slammed Saipan, CNMI junior player Robbie Schorr is back on the court to get ready for a couple of ITF Juniors tournaments.

"We could not let a typhoon stop us from becoming better players and preparing for our future," Schorr told *Saipan Tribune* before going inside the American Memorial Park tennis courts to play against Malika Miyawaki and Ken Song last Saturday afternoon.

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From left, Malika Miyawaki, Ken Song, and Robbie Schorr pose for a photo before playing a friendly game last Saturday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

When Yutu hit Saipan, Schorr had been on island in less than three weeks, as he was in New Zealand early last month to compete in world ranking tournaments under the ITF Juniors Circuit. He wishes to return to New Zealand in January next year to participate in a couple more ITF Juniors events

"I did pretty good in the tournaments in New Zealand last month. I won some matches and got ranking points. There are two more competitions in New Zealand that I hope I could join, as I still have to check my schedule in school," the Saipan International School student said.

Schorr is eyeing a stint in the 2019 Tecnifibre Wellington ITF set from Jan. 21 to 26

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National players clean up NMITC

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National team members joined their coaches and Northern Mariana Islands Football Association officials in cleaning up the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville last Saturday.

NMIFA technical director Michiteru Mita said NMIFA president Jerry Tan and the national teams players (men, women, and youth) picked up debris, moved broken equipment, swept the ground, and collected the artificial turf that got ripped off from the secondary pitch when Super Typhoon Yutu struck Saipan late last month.

"I thanked all the NMIFA staff and the players who helped out clean the center. We still need to pick up many rocks and broken glasses on the main pitch," added Mita, who also resumed the men's team's training session yesterday afternoon.

"Unfortunately, the mini pitch is totally damage and there are some damage to the main pitch. Most of the goals broke and the fence was damaged. In this situation, it's very difficult to have a normal training session or game yet. But we need to help them get back to normalcy. We want to give kids hope that the can player soccer as soon as possible. We will start with the national team training this week and then we will discuss how we can provide the players opportunities to play at the NMITC," Mita said.

More than 20 players showed up in last weekend's cleanup and Mita was impressed with how they and the entire community are responding to the call to help the island recover from Yutu.

"I have never experienced before such big disaster and I'm sad to see the beautiful Saipan devastated. But I am also impressed with how people on Saipan are strong as they try to recover quickly. We, at the training center, will also do our best to recover as

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CNMI national team players lift the damaged shelter/portable dugouts during a cleanup drive at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville last Saturday.

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CNMI national team players clean the grounds of the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville last Saturday.